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## PRACTICE AREAS

Personal Injury  
Motor Vehicle Accidents  
Serious Personal Injury  
Fatalities  
Concussions  
Medical Malpractice  
Pedestrian & Cyclist  
Accidents  
Slip & Falls  
Disability Insurance Claims

Great advocacy is only possible after honest and open discussion with the client.

Austin helps clients with their dispute resolution and advocacy needs. He acts for individuals as well as institutional clients. His practice primarily focusses on motor vehicle accident, civil assault, battery, fatal accident, and insurance claims.

Austin strives to be a lawyer practicing personal injury and insurance law and not a “personal injury lawyer”. He is adept at negotiating settlement, but has the Court experience to see the playing field and how to effectively achieve a client’s goal.

His court experience includes advancing and defending applications for records, summary judgment, and costs. His trial experience includes multi-week motor vehicle claims in both Alberta and British Columbia, and summary trial on a civil assault claim. He has advocated as lead counsel for clients on appeal before the Alberta and British Columbia Court of Appeal.

## Education

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**2014** Thomson Rivers University, JD

**2009** University of Calgary, BA

## Admissions

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**2015** Alberta

## Experience

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- *Dunn v Heise et al*, 2021 BCSC 754 - Successfully represented our client at trial. Our client suffered a potentially life-threatening fracture and psychiatric consequences from a highway motor vehicle collision. The plaintiff was awarded \$200,000 for pain and suffering damages, and over \$500,000 for his income losses. Total damages were assessed at \$834,631, and the plaintiff was awarded his costs.
- *Hollingshead et al v O'Reilly*, 2020 ABQB 538 - Successfully represented our client at summary trial on the issue of damages. Our client (the plaintiff) was violently assaulted and unlawfully confined by the defendant over a protracted period of time. The plaintiff was awarded \$493,650 in damages, including \$100,000 in pain and suffering damages for significant psychological trauma and \$300,000 in earning capacity damages, a record in Alberta. We also successfully recovered Alberta Health's claim for the cost of health services provided to the plaintiff.
- *Cullen v. Kao*, 2019 ABQB 799 - Successfully represented our client at a summary trial on liability where the defendant claimed the defence of 'inevitable accident'.
- *Jones v. Stepanenko*, 2016 ABQB 295 - Successfully represented a plaintiff for serious soft-tissue injuries and fibromyalgia sustained in a car crash. Plaintiff awarded over \$280,000 plus interest and costs.
- *Carr v. Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Limited et al.* (Action No. 150111796; unreported Master's decision). Austin successfully resisted a summary judgment application brought by Cowboys Night Club to dismiss his injured client's assault claim against the night club.

## Memberships

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- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association
- Synaptic Spinal Cord Injury & Neuro Rehabilitation Centre  
Board of Directors

## Community

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- Classic Charity Events Ltd.  
Former chairman and CEO
- Elizabeth Fry Society  
Former volunteer