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PRACTICE AREAS

Personal Injury
Motor Vehicle Accidents
Serious Personal Injury
Fatalities
Concussions
Pedestrian & Cyclist
Accidents
Slip & Falls

I care about my clients, and use my knowledge and experience to get them the best results possible.

Jackie is a recognized leader in the area of serious personal injury. Over the past three decades, she has earned her reputation as a highly skilled lawyer and passionate advocate for her clients, working exclusively for injured victims and their families.

With a proven track record of obtaining excellent results for her clients, whether through well-negotiated settlement or court, Jackie helps her clients move forward with their lives. Her commitment to her clients has resulted in consistently being named in The Best Lawyers in Canada, in the field of Personal Injury Litigation and also in Insurance Law. She has also been named by Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory as a "Leading Practitioner in Personal Injury - representing Plaintiffs".

Clients highly recommend Jackie, giving her a rating of 5 out of 5 ("Platinum" rating) on Martindale-Hubbell.com and Lawyers.com, their highest client rating available. One client review states:

"Working with Jackie was the best experience one could have in

my situation after an accident and injury. She was first and foremost the best at her job I have seen. Secondly, she is a great person that does care about her client first. Having an insurance background, myself, I saw differing levels of care, compassion and outcome. I was recommended Jackie by another in my field of work that identified Jackie as the best in her profession, quite a testimony by itself. Hands down, the best at her profession, I would highly recommend Jackie."

Click here to read more client reviews.

In addition to her client advocacy, Jackie believes strongly in giving back to her community. Jackie held the position of Chair of the Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association (ACTLA) from 2020 to 2021 and currently serves as the Chair of Public and Government Relations for ACTLA in 2024. She is vocal about maintaining the present tort system in Alberta, and her opposition to a 'No-Fault' insurance regime for Alberta. Jackie has served twice as Chair of the Personal Injury section of the Canadian Bar Association - Alberta (South) and remains on their Executive. She also proudly sits on the Premier's Council of Multiculturalism, where she contributes to initiatives aimed at promoting cultural diversity and inclusion in Alberta.

Education

1990 University of Calgary, LLB

1987 University of Calgary, BA

Admissions

1991 Alberta

Experience

In Jackie's 30+ years of experience, she has been involved in:

Catastrophic personal injury litigation, including motor vehicle accidents, brain injuries, *Fatal Accident Act* claims, pedestrian accidents, motorcycle accidents, cyclist accidents, and slip and fall accidents, amongst others. Jackie is known to be relentless, yet compassionate and truly cares about her clients.

Recognition

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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- Jackie is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in Canada* for work in Personal Injury Litigation and Insurance Law.
- Jackie is also recognized by the Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory as a leading practitioner in Personal Injury Representing Plaintiffs
- Recipient of two awards for service to the community, 2009, 2017
- Recognized by The Canadian Bar Association for service, 2016
- Recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012
- Appointed Queen's Counsel by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, 2011; now known as King's Counsel as of September 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

- "DEAR JUSTICE MINISTER: WE ARE IN A CRISIS. AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP.", *Law Matters*, Canadian Bar Association, Winter 2019-20
- "Don't Mistake Kindness for Weakness," Truth Be Told: An Anthology of Inspirational Stories by Women in the Law, 2018
- "Issues and Considerations in Making a Claim Pursuant to the SEF 44 Endorsement", Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, October 2017, Kristy Williams & Jackie Halpern KC
- "Subrogated Rights of Employers: Alive and Well in Alberta, Hammond v. DeWolfe, 2014 ABCA 81", *The Barrister*, Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association, December 2014
- Volunteer Contributing Editor, Women and the Law 7th edition, Calgary Legal Guidance, 2011

RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

 Quoted in "Understanding Potential Impacts From A Common Employee Health Shift", Forbes, August 30, 2021

Memberships

• Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association

President (March 2020-present)

Vice President (2019-2020)

Secretary (2018-2019)

Treasurer (2017-2018)

Board of Directors (2016-present)

Canadian Bar Association - Alberta - Personal Injury Subsection

Executive (2014-present)

Chair (2014-2016)

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Alberta
- Calgary Bar Association
- Association of Women Lawyers

Community

• Women's Legal Forum Sponsorships Committee

Co-chair, 2017

• CHW's Annual Fundraising Campaign

Chair, Childcare, Healthcare, Women, 2011-present

• JCFC Organization of Calgary

Board member, 2014-present

• Calgary Glenmore Progressive Conservative Association

Board member, 2012-2017

• JFS Calgary

Board member, 2013-2017

· Feed the Hungry

Annual volunteer

• Beth Tzedec Synagogue

Vice president, 2011-2013

• The Calgary Jewish Academy

Former president

Numerous board positions

• Canadian Diabetes Association

Former fundraiser

• Multiple Sclerosis Society

Former fundraiser

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

SPEAKER

PROFITS VS. PEOPLE - THE REALITIES OF A PROPOSED NO-FAULT SYSTEM FAIR and ACTLA, 2021

GUEST SPEAKER

THE FUTURE OF INJURY LAW IN ALBERTA: UPDATES ON THE GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF THE MINOR INJURY REGULATIONS

Canadian Bar Association, Personal Injury Subsection, 2020

GUEST SPEAKER

CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Personal Injury Subsection, Various Topics, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

MODERATOR

HEALTH CARE SYMPOSIUM

McLeod Law LLP, 2015, 2016, 2018

GUEST SPEAKER

TRIAL ADVOCACY COURSE

University of Calgary Law School, January 2016

PRESENTER

MINOR INJURY REGULATIONS

Numerous health care clinics, 2007-present (Calgary)

PRESENTER

REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPIST COURSE

SAIT, 2010