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Overview

Austin Ward is a Calgary-based lawyer whose practice focuses on labour and employment law, intellectual property litigation, and general dispute resolution. He has experience representing clients in all levels of Court in Alberta and in the Federal Court of Canada. Austin prides himself on being an effective negotiator and shrewd advocate for his clients – both inside and outside the courtroom.

Austin advises individuals and small to mid-sized corporations on a wide variety of issues, including:

- Employment and severance agreements
- Employee discipline and termination
- Workplace human rights complaints
- Patent, trademark, and copyright disputes
- Internet-based disputes, including defamation cases and obtaining Norwich Orders to identify otherwise anonymous wrongdoers
- General contractual disputes and tort claims

Austin's client-focused practice is centered on his communication and problem-solving skills. Where possible, Austin prefers a collaborative approach to dispute resolution so that he can determine the most practical and cost-effective solution for his clients.

Value to Clients

"I view the practice of law as the ultimate service industry. Getting to know my clients and their businesses personally helps me understand their goals and priorities so that I can provide the best advice possible. I prefer phone calls to emails and like to meet in person whenever possible."

Outside the Office

When Austin isn't checking out a new restaurant or sampling one of Calgary's many craft breweries and distilleries, he enjoys travelling, exploring the Rocky Mountains, and jamming with his law school band.

News + Views + Events

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[Largest Costs Award in Alberta Human Rights History Upheld on Appeal](#)

Services

Labour + Employment
Litigation
IP Litigation
Privacy + Data Management
Intellectual Property + Technology
Trademarks

Education

University of Calgary, 2018, Juris
Doctor
University of British Columbia,
2014, Bachelor of Science

Admissions

Alberta, 2019

October 7, 2020

Cocktails + Counsel: Workplace Accommodation in the COVID Era

July 23, 2020

Coffee + Counsel: Mitigating Risk as Employees Return to Work

June 2019

Alberta Human Rights Tribunal Renders Landmark Costs Award Against Complainant

May 2019

Human Rights Tribunal Renders Landmark Costs Award Against Complainant