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Overview

Dino McLaughlin has more than 30 years of experience representing institutional and individual clients in a broad range of civil and criminal matters. For the past several years, he has focused his practice on defending health care providers and institutions within the Alberta Health Services system in civil litigation involving class action claims, medical malpractice and other health law matters. He also advises local pension authorities, defends teachers facing numerous types criminal charges and represents individuals in personal injury and contract disputes.

Dino and his team are heavily focused on managing the class action claims that threaten to make a substantial impact on the Alberta health care system. They have played a significant role in defending the initial wave of claims, and with the unique exception of the elders class action – which has been one of the first common issues trials in Alberta – they have experienced great success in preventing the first attempts at class certification. This experience will prove even more beneficial as the plaintiff's bar becomes increasingly sophisticated and focused on bringing these claims.

Dino is a frequent lecturer and teacher on civil litigation, health law, family law and criminal defense topics. He has been an instructor for numerous courses offered by the Legal Education Society of Alberta, taught Bar Admission Courses in Family Law and given lectures to various classes of the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Education.

Dino has been involved with several charitable organizations in various capacities, including the Boyle McCauley Health Centre, the Bissell Centre, the Norwood Community Service Centre (Board Member) and the Edmonton Inner City Housing Society.

Value to Clients

Dino's depth and breadth of experience in complex litigation matters enables him to focus only on the relevant issues and avoid being distracted by the trivial details that often prevent a favorable and cost-efficient result. He excels at developing creative, practical strategies for resolving his clients' disputes, particularly in cases where the emotions of the parties involved have reached a boiling point. According to Dino, *"Although I'm always ready and willing to take contentious cases to trial when necessary, I also try to create an open atmosphere of communication among the parties to resolve disputes amicably and avoid the cost and risk associated with prolonged litigation."*

Industries

Health

Services

Legislative Reform + Development
Class Actions
Constitutional

Education

University of Alberta, 1981,
Bachelor of Laws
University of Alberta, 1978,
Bachelor of Education

Admissions

Alberta, 1982

Outside the Office

Dino enjoys playing golf all over Edmonton and while on vacation abroad.

Experience

R v Jissink, 2021 ABQB 102

R v Sylvester, 2020 ABPC 12

Elder Advocates of Alberta Society v Alberta, 2018 ABQB 37

Chan v Her Majesty the Queen, 2017 ABQB 796

Chan v. Her Majesty the Queen, 2017 ABQB 480

R v Hall, 2014 ABCA 401, Alberta Court of Appeal

McMorran v Alberta Pension Services Corporation, 2014 ABCA 387, Alberta Court of Appeal

McMorran v McMorran, 2013 ABQB 610, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Bruce Estate v. Toderovich, 2010 ABQB 709, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Conner v. Bruketa Estate, 2010 ABQB 517, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Professional

Law Society of Alberta

Member

Edmonton Bar Association

Member

Community

Chairman, Edmonton Housing Trust, 1999-2001

Board Member, Edmonton Humane Society, 1985-1995

Volunteer, Bissell Centre, Boyle McCauley Health Centre

Fitness Instructor - Cycle Fit, Masters Swim Club

Recognition

Listed Health Care Law, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2022 - 2024

"Litigation Star", Benchmark Canada: 2017 - 2022

"Distinguished", Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™: 2013, 2016 - 2021

"Repeatedly Recommended" Medical Negligence - Represents Defendants, Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2013 - 2018