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Overview

Erika Carrasco is a lawyer focused on helping clients navigate the dynamic legal, business and insurance landscape of emerging technologies, including drones, cyber security, autonomous vehicles, blockchain, and AI.

Erika works with clients to develop effective legal strategies to meet their specific needs and goals. She understands the stakes of litigation and its impact on reputation and business operations. By providing proactive risk management advice to her clients, Erika helps minimize the likelihood of future disputes.

Erika's creative approach helps her identify innovative solutions for clients in continually evolving areas. Not afraid of the new and unknown, Erika is the only lawyer to have successfully argued an appeal of a charge against a drone operator under the Canadian aviation regulations.

With a background in insurance and construction litigation, Erika has a wealth of experience providing advice and solutions to her clients relating to corporate commercial matters, property and commercial general liability, product liability, wrap-up, builders' risk, motor vehicle claims, and construction liens.

As a result of her unique experience and focus, Erika is sought after by the media and various industries to provide her insight on emerging technology law provincially, nationally and in the US.

Value to Clients

Erika takes a proactive approach to help clients overcome legal challenges, both in litigation and in developing risk management strategies to avoid the courtroom altogether. Clients appreciate her willingness to learn about every aspect of their businesses and focus on developing the ideal practical solution for resolving a dispute or preventing future losses. This approach enables Erika to fully understand her client's goals and concerns and identify complex problems.

Outside the Office

Erika spends as much of her free time as possible traveling to destinations around the world where she can surf and scuba dive. A busy parent with four children, she is committed to serving her profession and the community and is a long standing volunteer for the Canadian Bar Association, University of Calgary Student Legal Assistance, Pro Bono Law Alberta, and Calgary Legal Guidance.

Industries

Insurance
Transportation
Emerging Technology
Construction
Esports
Cannabis

Services

Construction
Litigation
Intellectual Property + Technology
Privacy + Data Management
Construction Liens

Education

University of Calgary, 2006,
Bachelor of Laws
McGill University, 2001, Bachelor of
Commerce

Admissions

Alberta, 2007

Languages

French

Professional

Unmanned Systems Canada

Board of Directors

2020 - Present

SCG Legal

Board of Directors

2019 - Present

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Construction Law Section (South)

Treasurer

2009-Present

Law Society of Alberta

Member

2005-Present

Calgary Bar Association

Member

2005-Present

Association of Women Lawyers

Member

2005-Present

Canadian Bar Association

National CEO Selection Committee

2016

Canadian Bar Association, National Young Lawyers Section

Chair

2015 - 2016

Canadian Bar Association, National Young Lawyers Section

Executive Member

2015 - 2016

Canadian Bar Association, Construction Law Section (South)

Member

Community

Volunteer, University of Calgary Student Legal Assistance, 2003-Present

Volunteer, Legal Expo Conference, Canadian Bar Association, 2007-2007

Volunteer, Calgary Drop-In Centre Legal Aid, 2004-2005

Recognition

Leading Practitioner: Litigation - Commercial Insurance, Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2024

"Future Star", Benchmark Canada: 2018 - 2023

"Lawyer to Watch" Litigation - Commercial Insurance, Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2018 - 2019

Experience

Drones:

- Successfully argued an appeal of the first convictions pursuant to the federal regulations governing drones. The reported decision, *R v Shah*, 2017 ABQB 144, will have an impact across Canada as this new area of law grows and develops.
- Representing a client in a lawsuit alleging product defect liability against multiple parties along the supply chain, negotiating dismissal and indemnification of a national supplier of commercial plumbing and sewage piping products.

- Conducting a comprehensive risk management audit, developing standard owner and subcontractor agreements and helping streamline overall business processes for a leading landscaping and snow removal company.
- Providing strategic advice to an emerging unmanned technology business in NWT related to contracts and helping them navigate the unique issues related to drones.

Emerging Technology

- An interest in new technology led Erika to establish and lead Field Law's Emerging Technology team.
- Focused on UAV (drone) law, driverless vehicles and cyber liability, Erika helps clients navigate the dynamic legal, business and insurance landscape of emerging technologies.
- She is one of a few litigators with experience in drone, cryptocurrency, cyber, and cannabis law.

Cannabis

- Erika uses her 13 years of litigation experience handling corporate and commercial disputes to assist our clients operating in the cannabis sector.
- With experience spanning the technology, insurance, cannabis, construction, and energy sectors, Erika has achieved success at all court levels in Alberta.

Litigation/Insurance

- Erika works with clients to develop effective legal strategies to overcome legal challenges, both in litigation and in developing risk management strategies to avoid the courtroom altogether.
- Erika has a wealth of experience providing advice and solutions to her clients relating to corporate commercial matters, builders' liens, property and commercial general liability, product liability, wrap-up, builders' risk, and motor vehicle claims.

Media

Pandemic Liability

The Morning News with Sue Deyell and Andrew Schultz, CHQR

(7:07) Erika Carrasco discusses how COVID-19 will affect the insurability of long-term care facilities post-pandemic.

New Canadian Drone Regulations

Ted Henley, CityNews

(3:54) Erika Carrasco discusses the new rules for flying drones in Canada that come into effect on June 1, 2019.

Will new rules for drone flights in Canada make our skies safer?

Judy Aldous, CBC News

Transport Canada published new rules for flying drones in Canada that come into effect on June 1, 2019. Erika Carrasco discusses these new rules and answers questions on Alberta at Noon with Judy Aldous.

Could new technology keep drones from spying on you?

Vanessa Hvratin, National Post

Erika Carrasco offers perspective on the current challenges facing the drone industry, and how new technology and privacy laws could impact future drone legislation.

Legal eagle to explain how to soar like a drone properly

Peter Caulfield, Journal of Commerce

Ahead of Calgary Buildex 2017, Erika Carrasco provides background on her presentation on safe, legal use of drones: It's a Bird, It's a Plane, No It's a Drone! Legal Know-how for Successful Use and Operation of UAVs on Construction and Commercial Real Estate.

First Calgarian convicted for flying drone wins new trial after appeal

Shawn Logan, Calgary Herald

Erika Carrasco grants insight into the complexities of UAV Regulations in Canada, and her involvement as counsel in the appeal of the first person in Calgary charged under those Regulations.

Client Stories

As a young female entrepreneur in the aerospace industry, it was important to Alietum's founder, Jennifer Waugh, that her legal representation was both personable and approachable. Through their involvement with Unmanned Systems Canada, Jennifer met Fielder Erika Carrasco and found what she was looking for. "Not only is Erika a leader in emerging technology law, but she is a strong female voice in a traditionally male dominated industry" said Jennifer.

Field Law supports Alietum with all its legal matters, including providing advice on issues unique to drone regulation and the industry. Talking about her experience working with Erika, Jennifer said, "Erika's knowledge and experience of the legal and industry issues impacting drone technology is invaluable to my business. When additional support is needed, Erika is able to reach out to a strong team of fellow lawyers at Field Law. Erika is confident and concise in her advice, and I trust her to professionally represent me and my company's best interests."

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September 4, 2021

[A Legal Perspective on Issues in Gaming](#)

August 23, 2021

[As Esports Grows and Creates new Legal Challenges, Law Firm Allies with Alberta Esports Association](#)

August 16, 2021 - 2 min read

[Field Law Announces Sponsorship of Alberta Esports Association \(AESa\)](#)

May 13, 2021

[Coffee + Counsel: How to Protect Your Business Against Phishing Attacks](#)