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Overview

Graham Martinelli is a Calgary-based lawyer practicing primarily in the areas of general commercial litigation and insurance defense litigation.

Graham's Alberta-based clients range in size and industry type and have included commercial and personal insurers, small-to-mid-sized corporations, and public-facing institutions.

Clients look to him on matters related to:

- Commercial litigation, including issues relating to contract enforcement and unpaid invoices
- Insurance defense litigation on behalf of insurance companies
- Intellectual property litigation
- Personal injury defense

Graham prides himself in his ability to tailor legal solutions to the evolving business needs of clients, with a focus on longevity and financial management. Graham's approachable style has also enabled him to be an accessible guide to the law for experts and laypersons alike. This helps Graham put clients at ease and ultimately allows him to better understand their unique situations so he can identify and provide customized, long-term solutions that sometimes go beyond the initial issue. He does this by approaching new cases with a top-down mentality that allows him to gain a deep understanding of both the client's issue and their industry as a whole.

Value to Clients

"I'm always ready to focus on a solution that works for both parties, and brings expedient resolutions. Whether I'm working on behalf of an individual or a business, I know that clients value a collaborative style that allows them to preserve relationships after the legal dust has settled."

For Graham, Field Law's unique approach to client service, which often sees lawyers strapping on protective headgear or steel-toed boots to bring legal counsel to clients regardless of their workspace – is something he appreciates the most about working at the firm.

Industries

Insurance
Energy + Environment

Services

Litigation
Intellectual Property + Technology
Insurance
Aboriginal

Education

University of Calgary, 2014, Juris Doctor
Queen's University, 2008, Bachelor of Arts, With Honours

Admissions

Alberta, 2015

Graham is also in the process of developing his own intellectual property and technology practice, and under the guidance of Field's experienced trademark lawyers and agents, he is able to assist with all manners of intellectual property litigation.

Outside the Office

When Graham isn't in the office assisting clients, his deep love of and appreciation for music keeps him busy. Whether he's perfecting his guitar-playing skills or trying out a new instrument, music offers him inspiration and a reprieve from his busy day. *"The opportunity for creativity and collaboration that comes from playing an instrument is what draws me in,"* says Graham. Other than music, Graham also enjoys continuously improving his home, reading, photography and hockey.

Experience

Alvas v Barrett, 2018 ABQB 651

Professional

Canadian Bar Association

Member

2011 - Present

Community

Case Worker, Student Legal Assistance, 2011-2013

Vice President (Finance), Rural Energy and Agricultural Law (REAL), 2011-2012

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