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Overview

Jessica Robertshaw is a Calgary-based lawyer whose emphasis is in on civil litigation, insurance defense litigation - focusing in motor vehicle accidents and property issues - and construction litigation primarily around contractual disputes. Her clients include insurance companies, homeowners, condominium corporations and business owners. She has appeared before the Provincial Court of Alberta, the Court of King's Bench and the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Jessica's clients rely on her to make the issues they face more digestible and understandable. Her strong oral and written advocacy skills offer her clients the confidence they need to ensure their positions are well represented and she approaches each case with a thoroughness that ensures nothing is overlooked. All her clients' issues - big or small - are carefully researched, and she feels that strong communication with her clients about their case is important and ensures that she is always available for discussion.

Jessica also has experience with:

- Property damage related to fire, flood or other substances (both as Plaintiff and Defendant)
- Personal injury defence
- Fatality Inquiries
- Malpractice defence

Value to Clients

"While the issues I work on for clients don't always go to trial, I still need to clearly and realistically explain what the process is and the related risks. It's my job to ensure they go in with their eyes wide open and that there are no surprises."

Outside the Office

When Jessica is not at work, you're likely to find her at the movie theatre. An admitted horror-movie buff, Jessica confesses the lure to this genre is the unrealism that surrounds it. When she's not scaring herself, she loves being outside and reading historical fiction.

Experience

Elan Construction Limited v. South Fish Creek Recreational Association, 2016 ABCA 220, Alberta Court of Appeal

Industries

Insurance
Construction

Services

Litigation

Education

University of Calgary, 2014, Juris Doctor
University of Calgary, 2009, Bachelor of Fine Arts, With Distinction

Admissions

Alberta, 2015

Elan Construction Limited v. South Fish Creek Recreational Association, 2016 ABCA 215, Alberta Court of Appeal

Community

Editorial Board, Canadian Bar Association Law Matters Magazine , 2018-Present

Board of Directors, West Village Theatre , 2017-Present

Volunteer, Court of Queen's Bench Amicus Project, 2015-Present

Volunteer, Level Dare to Dream Program, 2015-2016

Board of Directors, Verb Theatre, 2009-2014

Recognition

Construction Law, Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada™: 2024 - 2025

Top Oralist in Canada , Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot : 2014

Chief Justice William McGillivray Mooting Shields , University of Calgary: 2013

Health Law Moot Prize , Bennett Jones: 2013

Client Stories

One client – a housing corporation – had a tenant who filed a claim against them. The housing corporation wanted to ensure they were fair and reasonable with the tenant but didn't want to set a precedent for future claims of a similar nature. Despite a great deal of effort, the matter went to trial in Provincial Court and one of the challenges included ensuring that all evidence was properly brought before the Court. While preparing all five defence witnesses for trial was stressful, through meticulous preparation, attention to detail and thorough legal research, we ensured they were in the best possible position going into the trial. Ultimately we were successful in our defense of the claim, both preserving the reputation of the corporation and discouraging future claims of a similar nature.