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Overview

Marc Yu is an Edmonton-based lawyer focussing in the areas of health, insurance and privacy law. In his health law practice, Marc defends professional and institutional liability claims and his clients include health authorities, hospitals and healthcare workers. Marc also provides advice to territorial governments on policy and legislative drafting in the areas of professional regulation, mental health, public health and healthcare reorganization.

Marc has experience across a number of areas of insurance law including bodily injury, property loss, subrogated claims, and professional liability. In his privacy practice, clients rely on Marc for to provide advice on issues relating to access to information requests, privacy impact assessments, privacy policies and privacy breaches. Marc regularly represents organizations and public bodies before the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Marc believes in client education as a key component of a successful relationship and delivers regular educational sessions to clients of the firm, and also through his role as an educator at the University of Alberta.

Clients come to Marc for support on a number of issues, including:

- Medical-legal experience in the areas of malpractice defence, early dispute resolution of claims, and legislative drafting for a wide number of areas of health and social services.
- Guidance with developing, improving and implementing company-wide privacy policies and human resource privacy initiatives.
- Support across a number of components of insurance law, including bodily injury, property loss, subrogated claims, and professional liability.

Value to Clients

"I believe in providing clients with legal advice they would expect from our firm along with business-oriented solutions. Locating the law is usually only the first step, as it needs to be translated into practical advice that can be integrated into the day-to-day activities of the client's business environment."

Outside the Office

"I love living in a dynamic, growing city like Edmonton – there's always something to do," says the urban explorer. Whether he's engaging with the city's growing arts and culture scene, painting in acrylic or pastels, or playing tennis, Marc is always looking for ways to make the most of his time outside of work.

Industries

Health
Medical Malpractice
Hospital + Medical Staff Relations
Insurance

Services

Privacy + Data Management

Education

University of Alberta, 2011, Juris Doctor
University of Alberta, 2007, Bachelor of Science, Medical Laboratory Science, With Distinction and Honours in Research

Admissions

Northwest Territories, 2014
Alberta, 2012

Experience

Williams v Rosenstock, 2020 ABQB 303

Edmonton Police Service v Alberta (Information and Privacy Commissioner), 2020 ABQB 207

Edmonton Police Service v Alberta (Information and Privacy Commissioner), 2020 ABQB 10

Richard Bushcholl - Privacy Inquiry

McAvena v. Byrne, 2013 ABQB 306

Professional

Canadian Bar Association Alberta

Privacy Section (North) Executive Member

2023 - Present

University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Clinical Faculty

Member

2013 - Present

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Health Law Section (North)

Member

2011 - Present

Canadian Bar Association, Health Law Section

Chair

2018 - 2021

Canadian Bar Association, Health Law Section

Executive Member

2012 - 2018

Community

Chair, Canadian Bar Association Law Day, 2018-2020

Civil Duty Counsel , Provincial Court of Alberta , 2015-2018

Client Stories

We were approached by an insurance company whose insured had made an access to information request for records relating to an insurance claim. The insurance company wanted to preserve its relationship with the insured while protecting internal records.

Working with the client and insurance adjuster, we reviewed the records being sought by the insured and devised a fair approach to the access request. We gave the insured access to a substantial amount of records to alleviate concerns over the claim's handling while maintaining a firm approach in withholding records that were sensitive to the client. The insured sought a review of our response to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. We maintained our position, taking into account the need to set a precedent for future access requests that may be made to the client by other individuals.

We successfully defended our position before the Privacy Commissioner and also managed to avoid further Inquiry. Processes before the Privacy Commissioner can take time to resolve, and we were able to provide regular updates on the status and minimize expenses incurred.

News + Views + Events

March 2025

Labour + Employment: Trends Shaping Your Workplace in 2025 (Part 2)

November 2024 - 5 min read

Alberta's New Access to Information Legislation: What Has Changed?

November 2024 - 4 min read

[Welcome POPA: Alberta Introduces the Protection of Privacy Act](#)

April 2024 - 6 min read

[New Procedures Introduced at the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta](#)

February 2024

[2023 - A Year in Review: Labour + Employment \(Part 2\)](#)