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Overview

Ryan Krushelnitzky is a litigator and arbitration counsel, with a strong focus on construction law and product liability. With a Ph.D. in civil engineering (specializing in geotechnical engineering), Ryan brings a rare blend of technical insight and strategic legal thinking to assist his clients in resolving complex commercial disputes.

In the construction space, Ryan acts for construction contractors and subcontractors. He has acted on contractual disputes over progress and payment, delays, lost productivity, builders' and construction liens, construction deficiencies, tendering, and insurance/bonding. Ryan also assists his clients with contract review and general advice on construction-related matters. He has experience with industrial, infrastructure, large diameter pipeline, module, tunnelling, earthworks, civil, and commercial construction-related projects.

A Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, Ryan is recognized in *The Best Lawyers*™ in Canada and the Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory for construction law. Recognition these directories is based on peer reviews of leading lawyers and their professional abilities.

In the product liability space, Ryan acts for product manufacturers and distributors. Ryan has dealt with breach of warranty and negligence claims relating to allegedly defective industrial and construction equipment, farming equipment, building systems, motor vehicles, building materials and various consumer goods. He also has experience with fire losses, and other product liability matters, such as personal injury losses. He also provides advice regarding the cross-border and jurisdictional issues that often arise when international manufacturers do business in Alberta.

Ryan has appeared before the Alberta Court of Justice (Provincial Court), the Alberta Court of King's Bench, the Court of Appeal of Alberta, the King's Bench for Saskatchewan, the Court of King's Bench of Manitoba, as well as *ad hoc* and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration tribunals. He has experience in both domestic and international arbitrations, as well as appeared as counsel in a week-long fully virtual trial.

Ryan also clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada, Canada's highest Court, working for the Honourable Justice Marshall Rothstein. Clerking gave Ryan a unique insight into the judicial decision-making process.

Representative Matters

Representative matters that Ryan has acted on include:

Industries

Construction
Insurance

Services

Construction
Products Liability
Litigation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Real Estate
Mediation + Arbitration
Construction Liens

Education

University of Alberta, 2009,
Bachelor of Laws
Queen's University, 2006, Doctor of
Philosophy
University of Alberta, 2001,
Bachelor of Science, Civil
Engineering

Admissions

Alberta, 2010

- Counsel for a major international EPC contractor involved in an oil sands module construction dispute resolved by way of an *ad hoc* commercial arbitration with a month-long merits hearing.
- Counsel for a major international EPC contractor involved in a wrongful termination dispute with an oil sands owner for an industrial site services contract.
- Counsel for a major international EPC contractor involved in a wrongful termination dispute involving a furnace upgrade at an ethylene plant.
- Representing a US-based engineering, fabrication, construction and maintenance contractor involved in a dispute with an oil sands producer over payment and delays.
- Representing a large civil construction company in an arbitration over changed conditions and extras arising from a large highway upgrading project.
- Counsel for a major Canadian construction and building services company involved in a dispute over the construction of a petrochemical facility that proceeded to a 3-week merits hearing as part of an ICC arbitration.
- Counsel for a major Canadian construction and building service company involved in a dispute over an infrastructure project that proceeded to a week-long merits hearing as part of an *ad hoc* commercial arbitration.
- Counsel defending a manufacturer in a 3-week King's Bench product liability trial.
- Counsel for a major international pipeline contractor involved in a construction delay and impact claim arbitration.
- Counsel for a major farm implement manufacturer on a number of product liability related lawsuits.

Outside the Office

Ryan is a Term Lecturer teaching law to engineering students at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Engineering.

Experience

Child v CNH America LLC, 2025 ABKB 180

Pacific Atlantic Pipeline Construction Ltd v Coastal Gaslink Pipeline Limited, 2024 ABCA 214

Precision Forest Industries Ltd v Cox, 2024 ABCA 137

Pacific Atlantic Pipeline Construction Ltd v Coastal Gaslink Pipeline Ltd, 2024 ABCA 74

Pacific Atlantic Pipeline Construction Ltd v Coastal Gaslink Pipeline Ltd, 2023 ABKB 736

Canadian Pressure Testing Technologies Ltd v EllisDon Industrial Inc, 2022 ABKB 649

Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. v Engen, 2023 ABCA 85

Precision Forest Industries Ltd v Cox, 2023 ABKB 3

PME Inc v Enerkem Alberta Biofuels LP (Enerkem Alberta Biofuels GP Inc), 2021 ABQB 889

Engen v Hyundai Auto Canada Corp., 2021 ABQB 740

Professional

Defence Research Institute

Member

2012 - Present

Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Law Section (North)

Member

2011 - Present

Canadian Bar Association

Member

2010 - Present

Law Society of Alberta

Member

2010 - Present

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Civil Litigation Section (North)**Member**

2009 - Present

Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Construction Law Section (North)**Member**

2009 - Present

Community

Small Claims Duty Counsel, Pro Bono Law Alberta, 2012-Present

Recognition

"Consistently Recommended" Construction, Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2025

Leading Lawyer, Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure 2025 : 2025

Construction Law, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2021 - 2025

Listed Product Liability Law, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2022 - 2023

The Alberta Law Review, William Morrow Essay Contest, 2nd Prize: 2009

Alberta Crown Attorneys Association Prize in Criminal Procedure: 2009

The Carswell Prize in Law: 2009

George Bligh O'Connor Silver Medal in Law for graduating with 2nd highest standing , University of Alberta Faculty of Law: 2009

Jason Lang Scholarship: 2008

Alberta Law Foundation Scholarship: 2008

Louise McKinney Post-Secondary Scholarship: 2007

Blake, Cassels & Graydon Scholarship: 2007

Chief Justice S. Bruce Smith Prize for the highest standing in 1st year law : 2007

Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology : 2005

Canadian Geotechnical Society Undergraduate Student Report Award, 2nd Prize : 2004

Canadian Geotechnical Society Graduate Student Presentation Award, 2nd Prize : 2004

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Canadian Graduate Scholarship : 2003 - 2005

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada PGS-A Scholarship : 2001 - 2003

The Canadian Society for Civil Engineering- Edmonton and Northern Alberta Section-R.L. Gerard Student Paper Competition- 1st Prize : 2000

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