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### Overview

Sharon Stefanyk, KC handles complex civil disputes, in the courts of Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, focusing on insurance claims involving construction litigation, fire losses, product liability, large subrogated property claims and personal injury cases.

Her clients - often insurance companies centred throughout Canada - seek Sharon's help with architects and engineers liability claims, pipeline defects, pipeline hydro testing and dewatering claims, construction defects, professional liability, coverage opinions and serious bodily injury and wrongful death cases. In addition, Sharon often handles errors and omissions disputes and municipal and government liability cases.

Both plaintiffs and defendants have turned to Sharon seeking her experience and advice. In addition to appearing before all levels of Court in Alberta, Sharon regularly represents clients in various forms of alternative dispute resolution, including private mediation, judicial dispute resolution and arbitration.

#### Value to Clients

Sharon has an efficient, proactive approach to litigation and dispute resolution and - as a client team leader - matches cases with the right resources. *"My focus is on customer service and being responsive to my clients' needs and timelines. Clients like that I am always available to discuss their cases and provide advice as a trusted advisor based upon my years of experience in the insurance industry."*

#### Outside the Office

In addition to being an avid golfer, Sharon is a long-time curling competitor.

### Experience

Optrics Inc. v Lloyd's Underwriters, 2022 ABCA 26

Tamaya Wynd Estates Inc. et al v. Condominium Corporation No 0727774, 2018 ABQB 466

Alberta Motor Association Insurance Company v Aspen Insurance UK Limited, 2018 ABQB 207

Toews v First Choice Canada Inc (Signature Vacations), 2016 ABQB 130

### Industries

Insurance  
Northern Canada  
Construction

### Services

Litigation  
Construction  
Mediation + Arbitration

### Education

University of Alberta, 1987,  
Bachelor of Laws

### Admissions

Nunavut, 2009  
Northwest Territories, 1993  
Alberta, 1988

Toews v. First Choice Canada Inc. (Signature Vacations), 2016 ABQB 130, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Marjanski v. University Landscaping, 2015 ABQB, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Regco Petroleums Ltd v Gerling Canada Insurance Company, 2014 ABQB 459

Canadian Natural Resources Limited v. Arcelormittal Tubular Products Roman S.A. (Mittal Steel Roman S.A.), 2012 ABQB 679, Alberta Court of Queen's Bench

Howalta Electrical Services Inc. v. CDI Career Development Institutes Ltd., 2011 ABCA 234, Alberta Court of Appeal

Modesto v. K.R.T. Electrical Ltd et al

## Professional

### Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Law Section (North)

#### Chair

2018 - 2021

### Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Law Section (National)

#### Member

2018 - 2021

### Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Law Section (North)

#### Executive Committee Member at Large

2015 - 2018

### Alberta Association of Insurance Adjusters

#### Member

2010-Present

### Law Society of Nunavut

#### Member

2009-Present

### Canadian Defence Lawyers

#### Member

2008-Present

### Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Civil Litigation Section (North)

#### Member

1988-Present

### Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Construction Law Section (North)

#### Member

1988-Present

### Canadian Bar Association Alberta, Insurance Law Section (North)

#### Member

1988-Present

### Edmonton Bar Association

#### Member

1988-Present

### Law Society of Alberta

#### Member

1988-Present

### Edmonton Insurance Association

#### Member

1990-Present

### Law Society of Northwest Territories

#### Member

1993-Present

**International Order of the Blue Goose**

**Member**

1995-Present

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

**Chair**

1996-1997

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

**Speakers Chairperson**

1992-1995

## Community

Member, Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Law Section (National), 2018-2021

Chair, Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Law Section (North), 2018-2021

Executive Committee Member at Large, Canadian Bar Association, Insurance Law Section (North), 2015-2018

Executive Committee Member, Alberta Diabetes Foundation - Halloween Howl Fun Run and Walk, 2014-Present

Jeans and Jersey Committee Member, Alberta Diabetes Foundation, 2015-2018

Governance Committee Member, Alberta Diabetes Foundation, 2015-2018

Board of Directors, Alberta Diabetes Foundation, 2014-2018

Entertainment Chair, Sturgeon Composite Grad Committee, 2013-2013

Education Chair for the 2012 Annual Convention, Canadian Association of Insurance Women, 2012

Education Committee, Edmonton Insurance Association, 2009-2013

Prize Committee, Saville Country Classic Junior Curling Bonspiel, 2008-2009

Volunteer, Student Legal Services of Edmonton, 1985-1990

## Recognition

Listed Insurance Law, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2014 - 2024

Listed Personal Injury Litigation, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2015 - 2024

"Repeatedly Recommended" Personal Injury (Represents Defendants), Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2021 - 2023

"Repeatedly Recommended" Personal Injury (Represents Plaintiffs), Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2023

"Litigation Star", Benchmark Canada: 2018 - 2023

Insurance Law "Lawyer of the Year" - Edmonton, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2022

"Distinguished", Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™: 2013, 2016 - 2021

## Client Stories

- An oil-sands pipeline distribution company was facing a substantial loss in a multi-party construction claim in Alberta. Sharon Stefanyk questioned technical experts and managed a substantial number of documents in the course of representing the company, which was able to favourably mediate the dispute.
- A rebar company - ran into a dispute in the construction of a wastewater treatment plant. A mediation was agreed to before the questioning, resolving the matter in about a year instead of taking substantially longer.
- An insurance client came to Sharon with a Conflict of Laws case involving a motor vehicle accident in Nova Scotia that the plaintiff moved to Alberta, where it brought a lawsuit. Sharon brought an application to Strike for Want of Jurisdiction, defeating the claim in a couple months.

## News + Views + Events

**March 29, 2022**

**Coffee + Counsel: Insurance Industry Insights - What's in Store for 2022?**

November 2021 - 3 min read

[Direct Compensation for Property Damage is Coming to Alberta](#)

April 2021 - 3 min read

[No Control, No Liability? Clarification on Liability of Owners of Rented/Leased Vehicles](#)

April 2, 2020

[Business Interruption Claims Due to COVID-19](#)

September 2018

[The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019](#)