

NEWS

27 McLeod Law lawyers recognized in the 2026 Edition of The Best Lawyers™ in Canada and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

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We are pleased to announce 27 of our lawyers have been recognized by their peers and colleagues as leading lawyers across 13 practice areas in the 2026 edition of *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

We extend special congratulations to [Jackie R. Halpern KC](#), named *Lawyer of the Year* for Personal Injury Litigation. This prestigious honour is awarded to only one lawyer in each practice area and region, based on exceptionally high peer feedback—making it a truly distinguished recognition.

McLeod Law has also been recognized as *Top-Listed* by *Best Lawyers™ in Canada* for having the most lawyers recognized in:

- Personal Injury Litigation: Calgary and Alberta (7 lawyers)
- Real Estate Law: Calgary (6 lawyers)

"Our lawyers' recognition across such a broad range of practice areas reflects not only their individual excellence, but also the strength of our collaborative, full-service approach. We are proud that clients trust us with their most complex matters, and that our peers continue to acknowledge McLeod Law as a leader in the legal community" - [Robin Lokhorst](#), Managing Partner.

Congratulations to the following McLeod Law lawyers:

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- [Heather Bonnycastle K.C.](#) - Real Estate Law
- [Kimberley A. Bufton](#) - Personal Injury Litigation and Insurance Law
- [Rishi Chakraborty](#) - Corporate Law and Securities Law
- [Eugene Chen](#) - Securities Law
- [Peter W. Cline](#) - Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, and Personal Injury Litigation
- [Douglas S. Ewens K.C.](#) - Tax Law
- [Jackie R. Halpern K.C.](#) - Insurance Law and Personal Injury Litigation
- [Chad R. Johnson](#) - Family Law
- [Ross A. Kaplan K.C.](#) - Personal Injury Litigation

- [Laurie S. Kiedrowski](#) - Real Estate Law
- [Shane B. King](#) - Administrative & Public Law and Corporate & Commercial Litigation
- [Roy Klassen K.C.](#) - Trusts & Estates
- [Michael C. Kwiatkowski](#) - Construction Law
- [Daniel MacAulay](#) - Real Estate Law
- [Simon J. Muller](#) - Personal Injury Litigation
- [Maria V. Nathanail](#) - Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- [Christine H. Pasemko](#) - Real Estate Law
- [Mark Rathwell](#) - Administrative & Public Law and Corporate & Commercial Litigation
- [Brian D. Rogers K.C.](#) - Real Estate Law and Commercial Leasing Law
- [Layne Thiessen](#) - Trusts & Estates
- [Shelley E. Waite K.C.](#) - Trusts & Estates
- [Matthew B. White](#) - Insurance Law and Personal Injury Litigation
- [Stephanie D. Whyte](#) - Corporate & Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Law
- [Kristy L. Williams](#) - Personal Injury Litigation
- [Shayi Xu](#) - Family Law

BEST LAWYERS: ONES TO WATCH

- [Robert T. Fooks](#) for Corporate Law
- [Breton Gaunt](#) - Corporate Law

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