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PRACTICE AREAS

Residential Real Estate
Litigation & Dispute
Resolution

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Resolution

Business Litigation & Dispute
Resolution

Debt Recovery, Collections &
Foreclosure

Commercial Real Estate

Real Estate Litigation &
Dispute Resolution

Construction, Development &
Infrastructure

To quote Jeremy Bentham, 'The power of the lawyer is in the uncertainty of the law.'

With over a decade of extensive trial and arbitration experience, Michael's primary focus is on construction-related, high-conflict issues and disputes, as well as commercial real estate disputes. Michael works on large-value and complex files.

Michael was an athlete on Canada's National Snowboard Team and is actively involved in professional sports organizations in the Vancouver and Calgary. He was a torchbearer for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games. In his leisure time, Michael enjoys flying and is a pilot of his Diamond Star 40.

Michael is on the McLeod Law Executive Committee and is Chair of the firm's Articling Student Committee.

Education

2003 Simon Fraser University, BA

2007 University of Calgary, JD

Admissions

2008 Alberta

Experience

- Represents homebuilders, homeowners, general contractors, and sub-trades on contractual disputes, negligence and lien claims, and Alberta New Home Warranty and National Home Warranty disputes.
- Represents commercial landlords on tenancy issues.
- Counsel to one of Canada's largest ATM services providers.
- Counsel to Canada's largest underground utility locator.
- Regularly appears in the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench and the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Notable decisions include:

- [Canterra Custom Homes Ltd. v. Curtis Engineering Associates Ltd.](#), 2019 ABQB
- [Direct Cash Processing Partnership v. Best Foods](#), 2016 ABPC
[Terry Coleman v. Rocky Barstad Contracting Ltd.](#), [Rocky Barstad and Ronald Barstad](#), 2010 ABPC
- [Top Notch Garage Builders and Cement Contractors Ltd. v. Susan Henning](#), 2011 ABPC
- [Azar Vani and Bahman Sepassi v. Condominium Corporation No. 8911860](#), 2011 ABPC
- [Pendosi Holdings Ltd. v. The Forzani Group Ltd.](#), 2011 ABCA 171
- [Alliance Concrete Ltd. v. Robertson](#), 2014 ABQB 401

Memberships

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Alberta

Community

- HSBC Clean Air Champions Program and formerly with Esteem Team
Motivational speaker, 1999-present
- Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada
Volunteer lawyer, 2004-present

Teaching Roles & Speaking Engagements

Teaching Roles

LECTURER

CIVIL LITIGATION, FACULTY OF LAW FOR STUDENT LEGAL ASSISTANCE
University of Calgary

SESSIONAL INSTRUCTOR

ALBERTA CPLED COURSE

Speaking Engagements

SPEAKER

COMMERCIAL DEFAULT
Annual Real Estate Update, February 2017

SPEAKER

CONTRACT LAW AND ENFORCEMENT
Alberta Roofing Contractors Association, July 2014

SPEAKER

KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS AS A LANDLORD AND A TENANT
Calgary Chamber Business Flood Recovery Expo, July 2013