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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation • Insurance Litigation • Health • Regulated Professions

BIOGRAPHY

Andrew is a partner at Cox & Palmer's Halifax office, practicing mainly in the areas of insurance, commercial litigation and regulated professions. After obtaining his law degree from Dalhousie University and articling with the firm, Andrew joined Cox & Palmer as an associate in 2009.

Insurance defence work makes up a significant portion of Andrew's practice. He has broad experience representing insurers (and self-insured entities) in responding to claims arising from automobile accidents and property damage, as well as allegations of professional liability, product liability, occupiers' liability and municipal liability. He regularly acts for insurers on subrogated actions in which efficiency and timeliness are high priorities.

Andrew has represented parties in real property disputes and commercial disputes as well. Recognizing that litigation is typically not a client's first choice in resolving a dispute, Andrew prides himself on being responsive to his clients and taking a practical approach to litigation.

EXPERIENCE

- Appeared before all levels of court in Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and many other administrative boards and tribunals.
- Acts as counsel to the Canadian Medical Protective Association and its member physicians.
- Appeared before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada, successfully appealing Transport Canada's refusal to issue a seafarer's marine medical certificate.
- Acted as co-counsel to Retired Justice David Gruchy in the Knowledge House Inc. proceeding before the Nova Scotia Securities Commission.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- 2022 Law Firm of the Year for Insurance Law by The Best Lawyers™ in Canada
- Listed in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in Corporate Commercial Litigation
- Recognized in the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada as a leading practitioner in Corporate and Commercial Litigation

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

BAR ADMISSION

- Nova Scotia (2009)

LAW SCHOOL

- Dalhousie University

EDUCATION

- University of Kings College (BA Honours, 2003)
- Dalhousie Law School (LLB, 2008)

PUBLICATIONS

- Defences available to manufacturers in product liability claims
- Manufacturers' Defences to Product Liability Claims
- Two IMEs, one doctor: Retaining the same medical expert to examine an insured individual involved in two accidents
- Before and After: NS Supreme Court Decision on CPP Benefit Deductability

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Chair, Halifax Articling and Recruitment Committee (2018 – 2020)

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Secretary and treasurer, Nova Scotia Medical-Legal Society
- Former board member, Nocturne Art at Night
- Former board member, Khyber Arts Society
- Committee member, Canadian Bar Association Law Day