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PRACTICE AREAS

- Insurance Law
- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Litigation & Arbitrations
- Health Care

Heather Laing, K.C. is the chair of McDougall Gauley's Insurance Law Team. Heather focuses on defending complex and large loss claims involving property damage, construction, and professional liability.

Overview

Heather practices exclusively in insurance law and litigation, including claims involving property and fire losses, construction liability, professional liability, and healthcare claims.

Heather was a Bencher of the Law Society of Saskatchewan for six years and served as President in 2013. In 2024, she was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Achievements

BAR ADMISSION

- Saskatchewan, 1995
- Manitoba, 1994

EDUCATION

- Institute of Corporate Directors, ICD.D, 2016
- ICD-Rotman, Directors Education Program, 2015
- Introductory Mediation Training, 1998
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Saskatchewan, 1993
- Bachelor of Arts (Great Distinction), University of Saskatchewan, 1990

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Inducted as Fellow of American College of Trial Lawyers, 2024
- Featured in Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation, 2023-2024
- "Best Lawyers in Canada"
  - "Lawyer of the Year", Corporate and Commercial Litigation (Saskatoon), 2022, 2026
  - Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2020-present
  - "Lawyer of the Year", Insurance Law (Saskatoon), 2017, 2023, 2025, 2027
  - Insurance Law, 2015-present
- Appointed to Federal Judicial Advisory Committee: Saskatchewan, 2017-2019, 2020-2022
- Appointed Queen's Counsel, 2012

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Lawyers Financial Board of Directors
  - Saskatchewan Representative, 2025-2027
- Canadian Bar Association
  - Executive Member, CBA National Insurance Law Section, 2007-2010
  - Representative to Court of Appeal Judicial Council, 2019-2024
- Law Society of Saskatchewan
  - President, 2013
  - Bencher, 2010-2015
- Saskatoon Bar Association
  - Past-President, 2009-2010
  - President, 2008-2009
- Canadian Defence Lawyers, 2007-present
- Canadian Automobile Association, Director, 2018-2021
- CAA Saskatchewan Board of Directors
  - Chair, 2015-2017
  - Director, 2009-2021

Speaking Events & Presentations

FEBRUARY 2024 | Moderator

Court of King's Bench Practice and Procedure

2023 | Presenter

GEOSASKATOON BRIDGING INFRASTRUCTURE & RESOURCES FALL CONFERENCE

“When a Claim Comes: Strategies for Effective Outcomes”

2020 | Presenter

SASKATCHEWAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, FALL CONFERENCE

“Conducting Effective Questioning”

2016 | Presenter

LAW SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

“Conducting Efficient Litigation”

2016 | Co-Presenter

CANADIAN LITIGATION COUNSEL INSURANCE LAW SEMINAR, VANCOUVER

“Update on the Law of Causation”

NOVEMBER, 2012 | Keynote Speaker

FWI-CWI WOMEN IN LAW CONFERENCE, SASKATOON

“The Role of the Law Society in the Retention of Women in Private Practice”

2012

SASKATCHEWAN LAW SOCIETY'S CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SASKATOON & REGINA

“Chambers Advocacy–Ethics and Professional Responsibility in Chambers Advocacy”

2011 | Co-Presenter

CBA SK MID-WINTER MEETING

Conflicts and Ethics

2011 | Co-Presenter

“For the Defence” Canadian Defence Lawyers

2006, 2010

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Canadian Litigation Counsel

2006

AON

Loss Control Seminar

2005, 2006

INSURANCE BROKERS OF SASKATCHEWAN

Loss Prevention Seminar