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PRACTICE AREAS

Criminal & Regulatory Defence

Professional Discipline

Civil Litigation

Matthew Schmeling's practice focuses on civil and criminal litigation. He defends individuals and organizations charged with criminal, regulatory, and professional discipline offences. He represents individuals and organizations involved in a wide variety of civil litigation.

Overview

Matthew defends individuals charged with drug and tobacco offences, criminal driving offences, sexual offences, weapons offences, fraud, attempted murder, and other allegations.

Matthew defends individuals and organizations under investigation or charged with occupational health and safety offences or other regulatory offences.

Matthew acts for doctors, police officers, psychologists, pharmacists and other professionals in relation to disciplinary investigations and charges.

Matthew regularly appears before tribunals and all levels of court in Saskatchewan. He acts for clients facing charges in Manitoba and Alberta and has appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Matthew held the Chair position of the Canadian Bar Association's Saskatchewan Criminal Justice Section from 2018 to 2021. In 2024 he was elected to a three-year term as a Bencher for the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

In his time at McDougall Gauley LLP, Matthew has had the benefit of practicing alongside senior counsel including Aaron A. Fox, K.C. and Gordon J. Kuski, K.C.

Matthew grew up on a farm outside of Regina, SK. He obtained his engineering degree from the University of Regina in 2008 and worked as an engineer in Grande Prairie, AB. He attended law school at the University of Saskatchewan in 2011 and joined McDougall Gauley LLP in 2014.

Achievements

BAR ADMISSION

- Saskatchewan, 2015

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, University of Saskatchewan, 2014
- Bachelor of Applied Science, Petroleum Systems Engineering, University of Regina, 2008

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Canadian Bar Association
 - Criminal Justice South Section, Chair, 2018 – 2021
- Law Society of Saskatchewan
 - Bencher, 2025 - present
- Regina Bar Association
- Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan – Board of Directors, 2023 - present
- Regina Public Library – Literacy Program Volunteer, 2016 - 2021

Representative Work

Counsel for guarantors in action to determine the enforceability of a guarantee and mortgage involving farmland

2026 | [*Input Capital Corporation v McKercher LLP et al, 2026 SKKB 24*](#)

Counsel for Respondent at the Supreme Court of Canada

2025 | [*R v Kwon, 2025 SCC 11*](#)

Counsel for appeal of sexual assault conviction

2024 | [*R v Kwon, 2024 SKCA 50*](#)

Counsel for the Applicant in a Civil Strike Application

2024 | [*J.B. v Ukabam, 2024 SKKB 142*](#)

Co-Counsel for Crown appeal of Regina doctor's acquittal on sexual assault allegations

2024 | [R v Ukabam, 2024 SKCA 15](#)

Co-Counsel for sexual assault allegations against Regina doctor

2022 | [R v Ukabam, 2022 SKQB 128](#)

Counsel for impaired driving charges resulting from a serious collision and the drawing of blood samples

2021 | [R v Patenaude, 2021 MBPC 45](#)

Counsel for appeal of failing or refusing to comply with breath demand

2021 | [R v Singh, 2021 SKQB 55](#)

Co-Counsel for appeal of sexual assault conviction

2020 | [R v Kwon, 2020 SKCA 56](#)

Co-Counsel for appeal of unconscionability determinations respecting farm financing agreements

2019 | [Input Capital Corp. v Gustafson, 2019 SKCA 78](#)

Counsel for appeal of drug trafficking conviction

2019 | [R v Learning, 2019 SKCA 5](#)

Co-Counsel for unconscionability of farm financing agreements

2018 | [Input Capital Corp. v Gustafson, 2018 SKQB 154](#)

Counsel for leave to commence action declaring farm land agreement invalid

2017 | [Bryson v Bryson, 2017 SKQB 71](#)

Counsel for order for rent abatement and damages

2017 | [R.E. v O.I., 2017 SKORT 77](#)

Counsel for failing or refusing to comply with breath demand

2017 | [R v Cole, 2017 SKPC 64](#)

Counsel for construction dispute and standard of work determination

2017 | [Westcor Builders \(2003\) Inc. v Freshair Enterprises Ltd., 2017 SKPC 99](#)

Co-Counsel for First Nation in Federal Court Appeal in Involvement Employment Issues

2016 | [Peeppeekisis Cree Nation No. 81 v Todd Dieter, 2016 FC 1257](#)

Co-Counsel for appeal of wildlife offence convictions

2016 | [R v Boyer, 2016 SKQB 314](#)

Co-Counsel for appeal of assault conviction

2016 | [R v Power, 2016 SKCA 29](#)

Counsel for automobile accident negligence determination

2015 | [Breitkreutz v Bolen, 2015 SKPC 148](#)

Insights

JANUARY 23, 2024 | Matt Schmeling Mackinley M. Sim

The defendant did not respond to my Statement of Claim. Now what? Default judgment procedure in Saskatchewan

JULY 11, 2023 | Matt Schmeling Travis R. Sylvestre

R v Basque, 2023 SCC 18 – The Supreme Court's unanimous decision clarifies that credit can be given for pre-conviction driving prohibitions

JULY 10, 2023 | Matt Schmeling Travis R. Sylvestre

Can you get a DUI on an E-Scooter? Yes.

NOVEMBER 5, 2021 | Matt Schmeling

Blood Samples in Criminal Driving Investigations: a Complicated Process that May Lead to Mistakes and Defences

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 | Matt Schmeling

Proposed Bill to Repeal Mandatory Minimums for Drug Offences

JUNE 8, 2021 | Matt Schmeling

Drinking & Driving – SGI Licence Suspensions

MAY 17, 2021 | Matt Schmeling

Bill C-3 and Judicial Training on Sexual Assault Cases

MARCH 30, 2021 | Matt Schmeling

Police Powers of Arrest and Use of Force

MARCH 1, 2021 | Matt Schmeling

The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal Confirms That Detainees Have an Expectation of Privacy While Using Toilet Facilities

JANUARY 5, 2021 | Matt Schmeling

Provincial COVID-19 Public Health Orders – Police Compliance Checks

OCTOBER 20, 2020 | Matt Schmeling

Regina, Saskatchewan – John A. Macdonald Statue Legacy Review

AUGUST 4, 2020 | Matt Schmeling

Sexual Assault – Anonymous Online Allegations vs. Our Criminal Justice System

AUGUST 16, 2016 | Matt Schmeling

Agrology: Provincial Regulation, Negligence and Potential Areas of Liability

JANUARY 26, 2016 | Matt Schmeling

Youth Criminal Records: The Basics

Speaking Events & Presentations

2024

SASKATCHEWAN POLICE COLLEGE SEARCH WARRANT COURSE, REGINA

Preparing for Cross-Examination

2023

SASKATCHEWAN POLICE COLLEGE - NEW RECRUITS, REGINA

Preparing for Cross-Examinations

2023

SASKATCHEWAN FEDERATION OF POLICE OFFICERS DIRECTORS MEETING, REGINA

Saskatchewan Serious Incident Response Team Update & Civil Liability Issues in Policing

2022

SASKATCHEWAN POLICE COLLEGE SEARCH WARRANT COURSE, REGINA

Preparing for Cross-Examinations

2022

SASKATCHEWAN FEDERATION OF POLICE OFFICERS DIRECTORS MEETING, SASKATOON

Update on the Rollout and Effects of Saskatchewan Serious Incident Response Team Legislation

2020

SASKATCHEWAN POLICE COLLEGE SEARCH WARRANT COURSE, SASKATOON

Preparing for Cross-Examinations

2019

THE LISTEN PROJECT, REGINA

Criminal and Civil “Revenge Porn” Laws, Law Society of Saskatchewan, Sexual Assault and Harassment Victims as Clients

2018

SASKATCHEWAN FEDERATION OF POLICE OFFICERS DIRECTORS MEETING, SASKATOON

Warned Statements of On-Duty Police Officers

2017

INNOVATION PLACE LEARNING SERIES, REGINA

Employee Confidentiality: Duties Owed to an Employer