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Elisabeth van Rensburg

Elisabeth has a broad insurance litigation practice. She has extensive experience acting for individuals, entities, and public sector organizations in bodily injury, accident benefits, professional liability, recreation & sport liability, tavern liability, commercial general liability, environmental, construction, subrogation, and coverage matters. She provides expert, cost-effective, and timely advice to her clients at every stage of the litigation process. She has been recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada as a “One to Watch” in 2023.

Elisabeth’s expertise extends beyond insurance. Clients retain her to handle commercial, environmental, and real estate disputes. She has previously acted for clients in civil sexual assault, medical malpractice, quasi-criminal, and employment law matters. Her understanding of the litigation process from start to finish gives her clients confidence in her advice.

Elisabeth has earned a reputation with her clients and colleagues as a natural advocate inside and outside the courtroom. In addition to conducting 3 civil jury trials in the first 6 years of her practice, she regularly acts for clients in administrative proceedings and private arbitrations. She has conducted hundreds of examinations for discovery and examinations under oath. She is also an experienced negotiator, having participated in well over 100 mediations.

Elisabeth previously worked as in-house litigation counsel for one of Canada’s largest insurers. Prior to going in-house, Elisabeth had a broad plaintiff-oriented civil litigation practice at a well-regarded litigation boutique. Her understanding of insurance litigation from a plaintiff’s point of view is invaluable to her clients.

Elisabeth’s clients retain her not only for her skills but also because she genuinely enjoys building long-lasting solicitor-client relationships. Outside of work, Elisabeth is a hobbyist who currently enjoys travelling, staying active, playing the piano, cooking 100 new recipes per year, and working on her local history project called “Humber History”. Elisabeth sits on the Board of Directors for Heritage York.

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Call to Bar

Ontario, 2015

Education

J.D., 2014

Reuben Wells Leonard Course Prize
in Evidence

Queen’s University

B. Com. (Hons.), 2011

Queen’s University

Practice Areas

- ▲ Bodily Injury Defence
- ▲ Accident Benefits/License Appeal Tribunal (LAT)
- ▲ Loss Transfer and Priority Disputes
- ▲ Subrogation
- ▲ Occupiers’ Liability
- ▲ Commercial Host Liability
- ▲ Property and Commercial General Liability
- ▲ Sport and Recreation Liability
- ▲ Products Liability
- ▲ Coverage Opinions/Disputes
- ▲ Appeals and Counsel Work in Complex Cases
- ▲ Environmental Litigation
- ▲ Real Estate Litigation
- ▲ Professional Negligence / Errors & Omissions
- ▲ Professional Liability Litigation

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