



## Frank S.M. Devito

Frank S.M. Devito is a civil litigator and senior partner at Beard Winter LLP, with more than 20 years of insurance defence litigation expertise. Bringing sound advice and a deep understanding of the Canadian insurance industry, Frank has a lengthy track record of successfully defending insurers in relation to various types of claims. These include motor vehicle tort claims, personal injury claims, general liability claims, property/casualty claims, construction claims, contractor liability claims, fraudulent claims, product liability claims as well as life and health claims, particularly long-term and short-term disability policies, critical illness, life, health and travel insurance including a variety of individual, group, and administrative services only (ASO) claims. Frank also regularly provides clients with coverage opinions in the same areas of law.

An experienced litigator, Frank has appeared on behalf of clients at all levels of court in Ontario including the Ontario Court of Appeal

Regularly collaborating with his internal colleagues, Frank seeks out the knowledge of partners and associates to provide high-value service to clients. As part of his ongoing commitment to client education, Frank has conducted countless seminars and presentations for insurer clients, and the insurance industry, on legal developments, industry trends and case law.

Frank also works as a mediator as his extensive experience over the past 25 plus years in handling various types of insurance claims on both sides of the fence (plaintiff and defence) has come to be quite useful in assisting parties with resolving even the most complex claims.

Frank is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Advocates' Society and the Canadian Bar Association. He has also taken various mediation courses and has completed the arbitration course through the Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Ontario.

In his free time, Frank enjoys travelling and spending quality time with his two amazing children.

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### Call to Bar

1995

### Education

LL.B., 1993

Osgoode Hall Law School

### Practice Areas

- ▲ Construction Litigation
- ▲ Professional Liability Litigation
- ▲ Environmental Litigation
- ▲ Bodily Injury Defence
- ▲ Coverage Opinions/Disputes
- ▲ Subrogation
- ▲ Life/Disability/Health
- ▲ Professional Negligence / Errors & Omissions
- ▲ Occupiers' Liability
- ▲ Commercial Host Liability
- ▲ Property and Commercial General Liability
- ▲ Sport and Recreation Liability
- ▲ Products Liability
- ▲ Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

### Associations

- ▲ Canadian Bar Association
- ▲ The Advocates' Society