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EXPERTISE

Aviation
Construction & Engineering Law
Insurance Law

Steven's practice entails helping clients with insurance defence work involving property disputes, construction deficiencies, bodily injury claims, fires, aviation claims, general insurance disputes and professional negligence claims. Steve also advances subrogated claims on behalf of insurers on fire, property and product liability claims. Steve provides advice on coverage issues between insurers and insureds.

Steven grew up in Richmond, B.C., and now lives in Vancouver with his wife, two sons and a puppy. When not in the office, Steve enjoys skiing, playing ball and doing other fun things with his family.

EXPERIENCE

DEFENCE WORK

- Successfully defended a chimney sweep in an 8 day BC Supreme Court trial against allegations that the chimney sweep negligently performed a sweep resulting in a house fire.
- Defending contractors against negligence and breach of contract claims arising out of construction services.
- Defending home owners, business owners and commercial property owners on bodily injury claims.
- Defending independent adjusters in errors and omissions claims arising from the adjusting of insured losses.
- Defending mortgage brokers in errors and omission claims arising out of disputes following mortgage losses.
- Defending warranty claims made pursuant to the [Homeowners Protection Act](#).
- Defending insurers against claims by mortgagees for payment pursuant to the Standard Mortgage Clause.

INSURANCE COVERAGE WORK

- Providing coverage advice to insurers with respect to issues of misrepresentation, material change, intentional and criminal acts, arson, bad faith, failure to cooperate and policy interpretation.
- Successfully defended the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company in a BC Supreme Court trial where the insureds sought coverage on a homeowner policy after the insurer voided its policy following the discovery of an unreported medical marijuana grow operation in an outbuilding on a residential property.
- Defending insurers in coverage actions brought by insureds following the denial of

coverage.

SUBROGATION

- Providing opinions to insurers on the viability of potential subrogation claims.
- Advancing subrogated claims for insurers following fires, water losses, settlement claims and other covered claims.

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- University of British Columbia, LL.B., 2003
- University of British Columbia, B.A., 2000

BAR ADMISSION

- British Columbia, 2004

LEADERSHIP

- Co-Chair, Harper Grey Articling Students Committee
- Volunteer, Access Pro Bono Courthouse Clinic
- Director, [Camp Hatikvah Foundation](#)

MEMBERSHIP

- Member, Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia
- Member, [The Law Society of British Columbia](#)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch Subsections:
 - Insurance
 - Aviation
 - Construction Law

RECOGNITION

Rated as a "Repeatedly Recommended Leading Practitioner" in the area of Litigation - Commercial Insurance by Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory®, 2018-2019

Recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Insurance Law by Best Lawyers® in Canada, 2019-2020

Recognized as a "Future Star" in British Columbia by Benchmark Canada®, 2019

COMMENTARIES

"Steven Abramson is a very solid, conscientious lawyer, becoming a leader in construction and product liability practice."

— *Benchmark Canada® 2019*

SELECT ARTICLES + PUBLICATIONS

"Navigating the Changing Marketplace" Article

Published In: Insurance People Magazine - Litigation Forum - Nov.17

Written by: Kim J. Yee, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Jonathan D. Meadows*, Steven Abramson*

“Customer Service Enriches Practice” Article

Published In: Insurance People - Litigation Forum - 06.Nov.15

Written by: Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Jonathan D. Meadows*, Kim J. Yee, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Steven Abramson*

“You’ve Been Sued! Understanding the Basic Legal Process of Small Claims and Supreme Court Lawsuits” Article

Published In: BC Broker Magazine - Feb.15

Written by: Nigel L. Trevethan*, Steven Abramson*

“Degrees of Loss – Things You’ve Always Wanted to Know About Economic Loss, But Were Afraid to Ask” Article

Published In: BC Broker Magazine - Aug.14

Written by: Steven Abramson*

“You’ve Been Sued! Understanding the Basic Legal Process of Small Claims and Supreme Court Lawsuits” Article

Published In: Mortgage Broker Magazine - Summer 2014

Written by: Nigel L. Trevethan*, Steven Abramson*

SELECT EVENTS + PRESENTATIONS

Steven Abramson to be panelist at CLEBC 2018 Insurance Law Conference

Presentation date: 02.Nov.18

Presented by: Steven Abramson*

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Focus On Risk”

Event Date: 31.May.17

Presented by: Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Steven Abramson*, Aaron D. Atkinson, Daniel J. Reid, Dionne H. Liu

Nigel Trevethan and Steven Abramson will present at MBABC Anti-Spam/Litigation Issues education session

Presentation Date: 25.Jun.14

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*, Steven Abramson*

Nigel Trevethan and Steven Abramson to present at MBABC “Sidney Spit” Event

Presentation Date: 12.Jun.14

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*, Steven Abramson*

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Summer Fun...And What Potentially Can Go Wrong”

Event Date: 23.May.14

Presented by: Aaron D. Atkinson, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Kara L. Hill, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Steven Abramson*, W. Sean Taylor

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Roads to Resolution”

Event Date: 06.Jun.12

Presented by: Daniel J. Reid, Emily M. Williamson, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Steven Abramson*

Cameron Elder and Steve Abramson to present Commercial Litigation for Junior Lawyers

Presentation Date: 13.Apr.12

Presented by: Cameron B. Elder, Steven Abramson*

Steve Abramson to present to Canadian Independent Adjusters Association

Presentation Date: 11.Apr.12

Presented by: Steven Abramson*

SELECT NEWS

Harper Grey receives 48 rankings from Best Lawyers® in Canada 2020

Related to: Sandra Abley, JD, CFP®, TEP, Steven Abramson*, Owais Ahmed, Bryan G. Baynham, QC, Richard E. Bereti*, Salman Y. Bhura*, Guy P. Brown, QC*, William S. Clark*, Prentice Durbin*, Michael J. Hewitt*, Kimberly J. Jakeman*, Steven G. Lukas*, Maureen L.A. Lundell, QC, William D. MacRae*, Derek Mah*, Jonathan D. Meadows*, David W. Pilley, Una Radoja*, Christopher M. Rusnak*, Raj Samtani*, John P. Sullivan*, W. Sean Taylor, Michael G. Thomas*, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Abigail C.F. Turner*, Henning W. Wiebach*, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Lara C. Zee - 21.Aug.19

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Changing the Rules of the Game: How Insurance Law Professionals Can Deal with Recent Changes in the Law”

Related to: Jonathan D. Meadows*, Dionne H. Liu, Michael J. Robinson, Paul Saunders, Steven Abramson*, Aaron D. Atkinson - 29.May.19

2019 Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory recognizes 16 Harper Grey lawyers as “Leading Practitioners”

Related to: Steven Abramson*, H. Roderick Anderson*, Richard E. Bereti*, Guy P. Brown, QC*, William S. Clark*, Cameron B. Elder, Michael J. Hewitt*, Kimberly J. Jakeman*, Jonathan D. Meadows*, David W. Pilley, Christopher M. Rusnak*, Raj Samtani*, W. Sean Taylor, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Abigail C.F. Turner*, Lara C. Zee - 06.May.19

Steven Abramson receives Benchmark Canada® 2019 “Future Star” ranking

Related to: Steven Abramson* - 09.Apr.19

Benchmark Canada® 2019 recognizes 19 Harper Grey lawyers for litigation expertise

Related to: Richard E. Bereti*, Salman Y. Bhura*, Guy P. Brown, QC*, William S. Clark*, Michael J. Hewitt*, Kimberly J. Jakeman*, Jonathan D. Meadows*, David W. Pilley, Michael G. Thomas*, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Abigail C.F. Turner*, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Steven Abramson*, Cameron B. Elder, Una Radoja* - 27.Mar.19

30 Harper Grey Lawyers recognized by Best Lawyers® in Canada 2019

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2018 Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory recognizes 24 Harper Grey lawyers as “Leading Practitioners”

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Steven Abramson and Cameron Elder join Harper Grey partnership

Related to: Cameron B. Elder, Steven Abramson* - 02.Feb.17

Harper Grey welcomes new Associate, Steve Abramson

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