



SALMAN Y. BHURA*

Salman is a partner with Harper Grey with a practice focused on complex commercial and real estate disputes. He also practices in the area of insolvency and restructuring and is co-chair of the firm's Banking and Insolvency and Real Estate Law groups.

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EXPERTISE

Insolvency & Restructuring
Business Law
Commercial Litigation
Real Estate Law

Salman's clients range from individuals and small businesses to multinational corporations and large financial institutions. He regularly acts for chartered banks and trust companies, including the TD Bank Group.

His focus is both on advising clients on risk management strategies and on negotiation of effective resolution to business disputes. He frequently represents clients involved in cross-border commercial disputes. He has represented clients in many mediations and has appeared before all levels of court in British Columbia.

EXPERIENCE

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

- Represents clients in business disputes including contractual, shareholder and oppression remedies
- Represents clients in cross-border jurisdictional disputes before the Supreme Court of British Columbia
- Represented a publicly-traded company in an intellectual property dispute over rights to a trade name
- Represents commercial landlords and tenants in lease default actions
- Represents directors and officers in claims brought against corporations by creditors
- Represents clients based in the U.S. to enforce a Letters Rogatory Order in British Columbia
- Acting for a shareholder in an oppression proceeding involving large real estate holdings
- Representing a former partner in a dispute involving a number of inter-related businesses including claims of breach of contract, breach of trust and unjust enrichment

BANKING & INSOLVENCY

- Represents banks, trust companies and other financial institutions in financial restructuring and security enforcement proceedings
- Represents creditors in corporate restructuring proceedings

- Represents clients in foreclosure proceedings including management of property, mortgage insurance claims as well as listings and sales
- Advises clients on creditor priority disputes
- Advises trust companies and lenders on receivership matters including inter-jurisdictional matters
- Advises clients on issues relating to distressed property sales
- Represents financial institutions in a series of claims including allegations of negligence, an order for rescission, tort of deceit, allegations of fraud and breach of fiduciary duty
- Acting for a liquidating trust in a cross-border matter related to Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in the U.S.

REAL ESTATE

- Advises clients including investors, banks and REITs concerning risk management in relation to the purchase and sale of commercial property and with their real estate portfolios
- Provides litigation and alternate dispute resolution services in relation to complex real estate disputes for commercial real estate owners and investors including the following:
 - contractual disputes involving land claims
 - commercial real estate contract disputes
 - commercial mortgage disputes
 - disputes involving large real estate developments and multi-family buildings
 - corporate litigation involving real estate holdings
 - property ownership rights disputes
 - purchase and sale disputes
 - title disputes
 - floor space ratio (FSR) disputes, and
 - financing and leasing disputes relating to commercial and residential real estate
- Advises clients on agricultural lands and dealing with the Farm Debt Mediation Board
- Represents real estate brokerages in financing disputes
- Advises clients in relation to option agreements relating to land
- Represents commercial landlords and tenants in lease default actions
- Represents banks and commercial real estate owners in a range of matters including lending litigation and security enforcement
- Represents insurance brokerage firms in contractual disputes relating to insurance policies
- Defends clients in proceedings brought under the *Financial Institutions Act* before the Insurance Council of British Columbia

BUSINESS LAW

- Advises clients on business acquisitions
- Represents clients in negotiating resolutions to shareholders and other contractual disputes
- Represents clients in negotiating settlements to real estate disputes
- Advises media companies in relation to contracts with various networks, broadcasters and publishers

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- University of Alberta, LL.B., 1996
- University of Alberta, B.A. (Hons.), 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

- British Columbia, 2001
- Alberta, 1997

LEADERSHIP

- Co-Chair, Harper Grey Banking & Insolvency Disputes Group
- Co-Chair, Harper Grey Real Estate Law Group
- Member, Harper Grey Strategic Planning Committee
- Member, Harper Grey Mentoring Program

MEMBERSHIP

- Board of Govenors, Stratford Hall World IB School
- Member, South Asian Bar Association
- Board Member, BC Ismaili Conciliation and Arbitration Board
- Member, Real Estate Institute
- Volunteer, University of British Columbia's Law Students Legal Advice Program
- Fundraiser & Voluneer, [World Partnership Walk](#) and [FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance](#)
- Member, Mortgage Brokers Association of BC
- Member, [Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia](#)
- Member, Ismaili Business and Professional Association
- Former Executive, Vancouver Bar Association
- Member, [The Law Society of British Columbia](#)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch Subsections:
 - Civil Litigation
 - Insolvency Law
 - Real Estate Law

RECOGNITION

Recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Corporate and Commercial Litigation by Best Lawyers® in Canada, 2017 - 2020

Rated as a "Repeatedly Recommended Leading Practitioner" in the areas of Banking & Financial Institutions and Insolvency & Financial Restructuring by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory®, 2016 - 2018

Recognized as a "Local Litigation Star" in British Columbia in the area of Insolvency by Benchmark Canada®, 2015 - 2019

COMMENTARIES

Salman has an "incredibly strong skill set, knowledge of litigation and strategic, and keen ability to solve problems, incredible competence, knowledge of the law and judges, and timely responses to client concerns."

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SELECT EVENTS + PRESENTATIONS

Salman Bhura and Prentice Durbin to attend Fall 2019 TAGLaw International Conference

Event date: 30.Oct.19

Presented by: Salman Y. Bhura*, Prentice Durbin*

Harper Grey lawyers to attend 2019 TAG Alliances Western Regional Meeting

Event date: 7.Mar.19

Presented by: Prentice Durbin*, Steven G. Lukas*, Salman Y. Bhura*

Harper Grey lawyers celebrate entrepreneurship at the 2018 EY Entrepreneur of the Year Gala

Event date: 25.Sept.18

Presented by: Steven G. Lukas*, John P. Sullivan*, Roselle P. Wu, Michael J. Hewitt*, Salman Y. Bhura*, Scott J. Marcinkow

SELECT NEWS

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Salman Bhura attends TAG Alliances Asia Pacific Regional Meeting

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