



NIGEL L. TREVETHAN*

Nigel is a Partner with Harper Grey and chair of our Insurance Law Group. Nigel's practice includes legal services to multinational, national and regional insurers and brokers. A significant amount of his practice focuses on working with self-insured professionals and organizations.

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EXPERTISE

Insurance Law
Professional Regulation
Workplace Law
Defamation, Privacy & Media Law
Real Estate Law

Nigel's defence practice focuses on large complex litigation matters ranging from class actions, to complex bodily injury claims, often including mass casualty events, to product liability cases. He has defended many high profile cases including professional athlete concussion cases and class actions for product liability and personal injury.

He is our in-house expert on subrogated property insurance claims. He has set up several professional liability programs for large organizations, and is a sought after speaker about risk management at conferences and meetings. Nigel is the editor of the [Contemporary Canadian Insurance Law Casebook published in 2015](#).

Nigel has appeared before all levels of BC courts and in the Supreme Court of Canada. He applies a practical, informed and strategic approach to dispute resolution and to the leadership of our insurance group.

In his spare time, Nigel plays recreational hockey.

EXPERIENCE

CLASS ACTIONS

- Nigel is currently defending an Ontario class action against a health professional who was inserting non-Health Canada approved stents in patients.
- He is also defending a retailer in a class action relating to contaminated pet food.

INSURANCE LAW

- Nigel advises insurers, insureds, and self-insured clients on risk management issues including coverage and the defence of complex losses.
- Nigel also manages the accounts of those insurance clients who have a large volume of litigation work with varying levels of complexity and legal needs. In managing these accounts Nigel ensures that every Harper Grey lawyer who works on these files maintain an exceptionally high level of customer service combined quality legal work.
- Specific examples of work that Nigel has done include the following:
 - Managing a large national insurers account such that Harper Grey was consistently ranked on audits as the highest performing firm in Western Canada.

- Defending action against an insurer in an action against them by an insured who was alleged to have made misrepresentations in the application for insurance and renewal of that insurance. The insured had been sued in California for \$250 million and sued the insurers who had denied defence and indemnity to the insured as a result of the misrepresentations.
- Writing a plain English excess automobile policy wording for a national insurer.
- Writing policy wordings for specialized programs such as excess automobile coverage, municipal liability coverage, and errors and omission programs.
- Defending complex bodily injury files including a professional athlete's claim against the Canadian Football League for his concussion history.
- Handling large volumes of subrogation work including geographic mass tort claims such as regional losses caused by electrical surges or water losses. An example includes an accident where a driver crashed his vehicle into a power pole, resulting in a power surge in a residential neighborhood. More than 200 property claims resulted. Nigel organized a subrogated action on behalf of numerous insurers. A significant settlement was obtained.

PROFESSIONAL DEFENCE AND REGULATION

- Nigel is general counsel to several provincial organizations of professional home inspectors. He built and manages a risk management program for some of these organizations. Nigel defends many different types of professionals when they are sued.
- Nigel is general counsel for an association of medical professionals to whom he advises on many practice issues.

SUBROGATION

- Nigel is well known by insurers for his diligent and quick pursuit of their subrogated interests. He has successfully and efficiently obtained substantial recoveries for insurers in the areas of product liability, fire, flood, and structural defects.
- Nigel handled a subrogated matter stemming from an accident where a driver crashed his vehicle into a power pole, resulting in a power surge in a residential neighborhood. More than 200 property damage claims resulted, each worth between \$5,000 – \$10,000. Nigel organized a subrogated claim on behalf of numerous insurers, suing the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and the driver. The matter was handled much more efficiently than if each claim had been dealt with separately.

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- University of British Columbia, LL.B., 1995
- Queen's University, B.A. (Hons.), 1992

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Yukon Territory, 2006
- British Columbia, 1996

LEADERSHIP

- Chair, Harper Grey Insurance Law Group
- Editor, Contemporary Canadian Insurance Law Casebook, 2015, Published by LexisNexis Canada
- Editor, Harper Grey Insurance Law Update Newsletter
- Regular speaker at meetings of professional associations such as the Canadian Association of Home Inspectors (CAHPI), the BC Association of Podiatrists and the

MEMBERSHIP

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

RECOGNITION

Recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Insurance Law by Best Lawyers® in Canada, 2014 - 2020

Recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Administrative and Public Law by Best Lawyers® in Canada, 2017-2020

Recognized as a "Local Litigation Star" in British Columbia in the area of Insurance Law by Benchmark Canada®, 2013 - 2018

Rated as a "Repeatedly Recommended Leading Practitioner" in the area of Litigation - Commercial Insurance by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory®, 2016 - 2019

Rated as a "Repeatedly Recommended Leading Practitioner" in the area of Professional Liability by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory®, 2016

Recipient of the 2011 Michael Ludolph Memorial Award from the Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors (CAHPI). The award is given to an individual service provider who has demonstrated dedication and contribution to the advancement and development of the home inspection profession in Canada. Mr. Trevethan is a frequent presenter on the topic of risk management at CAHPI conferences and workshops.

COMMENTARIES

"Harper Grey's celebrated insurance capacity is brimming with regionally and nationally recognized talent, such as Jonathan Meadows and Nigel Trevethan."

— *Benchmark Canada®*

"We trust and value Mr. Trevethan's work with our association."

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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*

Harper Grey publishes Contemporary Canadian Insurance Law, a comprehensive casebook providing access to the case law and legal principles relevant to virtually all areas of insurance law in Canada

Published by: Harper Grey - 08.Jul.17

Written by: Aaron D. Atkinson, Cameron B. Elder, David W. Pilley, Emily M. Williamson, JoAnne Barnum, Jonathan D. Meadows*, Kim J. Yee, Kora Paciorek, Michael J. Robinson, Michael G. Thomas*, Nigel L. Trevethan*

“Nobody’s Home” Article

Published In: BC Broker Magazine - Jun.15

Written by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

“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*

“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*

“New Amendment to B.C. Insurance Act” Article

Published By: Harper Grey - 08.Aug.12

Written by: Emily M. Williamson, Nigel L. Trevethan*

“SCC Decision Re: Progressive Homes v. Lombard Insurance” Article

Published by: Harper Grey - 23.Sept.10

Written by: Emily M. Williamson, Nigel L. Trevethan*

“The Progressive Homes Decision: A New Era or More of the Same?” Preliminary Analysis Article

Published By: Harper Grey - 23.Sep.10

Written by: Emily M. Williamson, Nigel L. Trevethan*

SELECT EVENTS + PRESENTATIONS

Nigel Trevethan to present at the 2019 Western Canada Addiction Forum

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

Nigel Trevethan to co-present at MIABC Risk Management 2019 Conference

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

Harper Grey lawyers support WICC BC Fall Breakfast

Event date: 01.Nov.18

Presented by: Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Jonathan D. Meadows*, Daniel J. Reid, Kora Paciorek, Brett Weninger

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “More Than a Slip and Fall: Insurance Claims Beyond Simple Traumas”

Event date: 30.May.18

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*, Kara L. Hill, JoAnne Barnum, Jennifer R. Woznesensky

Nigel Trevethan to present at 2018 Western Canada Addiction Forum

Presentation Date: 05.May.18

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

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

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Tools For Your Personal Injury Toolbox”

Event Date: 11.May.16

Presented by: Daniel J. Reid, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Kara L. Hill, Michael J. Robinson, Nigel L. Trevethan*

Nigel Trevethan and Una Radoja to speak at the Insurance Institute of Canada's 2016 Symposium

Presentation Date: 15.Mar.16

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*, Una Radoja*

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “We Love Vancouver”

Event Date: 29.May.15

Presented by: Aaron D. Atkinson, Emily M. Williamson, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Jonathan D. Meadows*, Kora Paciorek, Nigel L. Trevethan*

Nigel Trevethan to present at IBABC Understanding Hoarders Seminar

Presentation Date: 04.Feb.15

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

Nigel Trevethan and Aaron Atkinson to co-present at the CAHPI National Conference in Banff, AB

Presentation Date: 04.Oct.14

Presented by: Aaron D. Atkinson, Nigel L. Trevethan*

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*

Nigel Trevethan to present at BCPMA 2014 Annual Scientific Conference

Presentation Date: 14.Jun.14

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

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

Nigel Trevethan and Aaron Atkinson to present at the CAHPI(BC) AGM in Kelowna

Presentation Date: 02.May.14

Presented by: Aaron D. Atkinson, Nigel L. Trevethan*

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Getting Down to Brass Tacks”

Event Date: 23.May.13

Presented by: Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Michael G. Thomas*, Nigel L. Trevethan*

Nigel Trevethan to present at BC Podiatric Medical Association Conference

Presentation Date: 20.May.12

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

Nigel Trevethan to present at CIP Society Seminar

Presentation Date: 19.Apr.12

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

Nigel Trevethan to present seminar to Alberta Podiatry Association

Presentation Date: 18.Nov.12

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

Nigel Trevethan to present at Canadian Podiatric Medical Association AGM

Presentation Date: 16.Sep.11

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Illegal Activities From Investigation to Litigation”

Event Date: 23.May.11

Presented by: Emily M. Williamson, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Nigel L. Trevethan*

Nigel Trevethan to present at CAHPI Alberta Conference and AGM

Presentation Date: 05.Feb.11

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Murphy’s Law: How to Make it Right When Everything Goes Wrong”

Event Date: 12.May.10

Presented by: Abigail C.F. Turner*, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Richard E. Bereti*, Una Radoja*

Harper Grey lawyers to host Insurance Law Seminar – “Bumps In The Road: Paving The Way To Successful Settlement”

Event Date: 12.Jun.09

Presented by: Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Jonathan D. Meadows*, Nigel L. Trevethan*

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

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

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

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

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Harper Grey proudly accepts Benchmark Canada’s 2016 National Medical Defence / Health Law Firm of the Year Award

Related to: Guy P. Brown, QC*, Kimberly J. Jakeman*, Nigel L. Trevethan*, William S. Clark* - 25.Feb.16

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Nigel Trevethan receives National Home Inspectors Award

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