



Layne Hellrung

Associate

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Expertise

- Litigation
- Real Estate & Development

Biography

Layne Hellrung is an associate in the Litigation Group at Cassels. Representing clients in business, real estate, and insolvency disputes, Layne appears before all levels of court in British Columbia and in arbitration proceedings. He brings a strategic, results-focused approach to resolving disputes.

In business cases, he routinely acts on behalf of shareholders, partners and investors. In many of these cases, the control or ownership of a business is at stake, there are allegations of fraud or there is a dispute related to a party's contractual rights.

Layne's real estate litigation practice involves claims arising from real estate development and failed purchase and sale transactions, expropriation and leasing matters. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Layne has assisted many landlords and tenants in favourably resolving commercial lease claims, and has written and presented on this topic.

He has also acted for parties in defamation, employment, personal injury, insurance, family law, intellectual property, construction and securities law cases, as well as in class actions. The breadth of Layne's experience is invaluable to clients involved in multi-faceted litigation.

Layne is active in the business and legal community. He serves as the legal advisor for the BC Chamber of Commerce. Layne co-chaired CLE-BC's course on real estate litigation in 2016 and 2019, and its course on litigation misconduct in 2017. He is a regular volunteer and proud supporter of Access Pro Bono, routinely taking on *pro bono* appeals, Chambers applications and trials.

Achievements

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation; Real Estate Law)

Insights

- Litigate in British Columbia? Yes, You Canstar! BC Court Invalidates Forum Selection Clause Based on “Reasonable Possibility” that Franchise Legislation Applies
- BC Court Rules on Hearing Witnesses via Video at Trial
- BC Court Rules on Defendant’s Application to Avoid a Zoom Discovery

Pro Bono & Community Involvement

- Access Pro Bono, Volunteer

Education / Bar Admissions

- J.D., University of Victoria, 2013
- L.L.L., University of Ottawa, 2011
- Quebec, 2013
- British Columbia, 2014

Associations

- BC Chamber of Commerce, Legal Advisor
- Canadian Bar Association
- Commercial Real Estate Development Association (NAIOP)
- The Advocates’ Society
- Urban Land Institute
- Young Canadians in Finance