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BIOGRAPHY

Christopher Reain is a Partner and a Member of our Business Disputes and Insurance Practice Groups.

Chris's broad business litigation practice includes the areas of insurance, construction, professional liability, product liability and environmental matters. He is routinely retained on behalf of business and property owners, architects, engineers, contractors, manufacturers and insurers to provide advice and guidance with respect to large, complex disputes.

Chris primarily assists clients on matters which involve complex technical issues relating to:

- Construction projects;
- The manufacture of products, machinery and equipment; and
- Environmental contamination and remediation.

Chris is also regularly called upon by insurers for guidance relating to coverage matters on all manner of insurance policies including CGL, D+O, E+O, All-risks, Wrap-up, and Course of Construction policies.

Chris's approach to matters involves him quickly and efficiently getting to the crux of a dispute, which allows for the development of creative and effective resolution strategies at an early stage but, when necessary, Chris's extensive litigation experience allows him to effectively advocate his clients' case at trials, arbitrations, and other court proceedings.

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EDUCATION

- 1998, University of Saskatchewan, Bachelor of Laws
- 1997, Western University, Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and Sociology)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 2000, Admitted to the Ontario Bar
- 2011 Admitted to the Bar of Alberta

PRACTICE AREAS

BUSINESS

- Business Disputes

INSURANCE

- Construction + Engineering
- Professional Liability
- Environmental

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Christopher is a superdad to his three children. He is also an avid skier and guitarist who has played with several less-than-famous bands over the years. Chris is also a proud volunteer with the Ontario Track 3 Adaptive Sports Association, and sits on their Board of Directors. The Ontario Track 3 Adaptive Sports Association is an inclusive volunteer, non-profit charitable organization that teaches alpine sports to children and youth with physical and cognitive challenges.

RECOGNITION

- 2021 - 2025 Best Lawyers® in Canada Construction Law, and 2024 - 2025 Best Lawyers® in Canada Insurance Law

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Toronto-Dominion Bank, N.A. v. Lloyd's Underwriters, 2016 ONSC 2464; 2016 ONSC 8006; 2017 ONCA 1011
- Active Fire Protection 2000 Ltd v BWK Construction Co (2005), 200 OAC 275
- Loblaw Properties Limited v Turner Fleischer Architects Inc., 2017 ONSC 6127
- Living Water (Pressure Wash Services) Ltd v Dyballa, 2011 ONSC 5695
- Tornado ACS Canada et al v Living Water et al, 2010 ONSC 3001
- Sun-Times Media Group Inc v Royal & SunAlliance Insurance Company of Canada, [2007] OJ No 4544 (SCJ)
- Hollinger Inc v American Home Assurance Co, [2006] OJ No 1791 (SCJ), [2006] OJ No 1898 (SCJ), [2007] OJ No 4424 (SCJ)
- Bois v Ron's Burner Services Ltd, [2004] OJ No 5788 (SCJ)
- Gauthier v Scottish & York Insurance Co Ltd, 2003 CanLII 46126 (Ont SCJ)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- The Advocates' Society, Member
- Canadian Defence Lawyers, Member
- Toronto Lawyers Association, Member



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- National Association of Subrogation Professionals, Member
- Ontario Track 3 Adaptive Sports Association, Board Member, Volunteer



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