

CRIMINAL LAW



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Facing a criminal investigation or prosecution can be stressful and overwhelming. Our highly experienced criminal defence lawyers bring significant expertise to each case.

We counsel both clients and corporations in criminal law matters at all levels of the judicial system – from the Supreme Court of Canada to the British Columbia Provincial Court – with a substantial body of work at the appellate level.

SERVICES

- Impaired driving & other motor vehicle criminal code offences.
- Homicide.
- Sexual offences.
- Assault.
- Negligence.
- Misdemeanors.
- Quasi-criminal regulatory offences in the securities and financial services industries.
- White collar crime.
- Income tax evasion.
- Fraud.

RECENT CASES

- Leading the charge assessment regarding the Special Prosecution of two leaders of a polygamous sect in British Columbia.
- Counsel in several successful appeals from first degree murder convictions.
- Co-Counsel for one of two accused on the Air India case.
- Counsel in the Supreme Court of Canada in *R. v. Nagra*, a notable case involving passport fraud and allegations of Sikh terrorism.
- Counsel on major multi-count cases involving allegations of historical sexual abuse in residential schools.
- Co-Counsel for one of the defendants in the Nanaimo Commonwealth or “Bingogate” case.
- Counsel for the accused in the Supreme Court of Canada case regarding a section of the *British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act* that contravened the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

RECOGNITIONS

25 Lawyers Recognized as Leaders in their field by Benchmark Canada® 2022

24 Harper Grey lawyers recognized for litigation expertise by Benchmark Canada®, 2021

Harper Grey receives highest firm ranking as a “Highly Recommended” local litigation law firm in British Columbia from Benchmark Canada® 2014-2021

29 Harper Grey lawyers recognized across 19 specialty areas by Best Lawyers® in Canada, 2020

19 Harper Grey lawyers recognized as “Leading Practitioners” by Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory®, 2021

Harper Grey recognized as a "Leading Law Firm" regionally in the area of Dispute Resolution by Chambers Canada®, 2017-2020

Martindale Hubbell® recognizes 13 Harper Grey lawyers across 27 practice areas

Harper Grey receives the TAGLaw Membership Award of Distinction acknowledging 15 years of outstanding service

Harper Grey recognized as a Top 10 Regional Firm in British Columbia, Alberta and the Territories by Canadian Lawyer Magazine, 2012 and 2014

COMMENTARIES

“They were amazing to work with! They were incredibly competent and resolution based. They kept me centered in the midst of the storm and got me a great result in very short time frame.”

— *Benchmark Canada® 2022*

“Harper Grey has a 100-year-old profile in this market,” testifies one senior-level peer, adding, “but the talent there now is mostly all younger than me!”

— *Benchmark Canada® 2022*

"The Harper Grey team is a well-oiled machine. All the lawyers I deal with are well-trained and hardworking. They communicate well and are always available for questions."

— *Benchmark Canada® 2020*

“Incredibly strong skill set, knowledge of litigation and strategic, and keen ability to solve problems.”

— *Benchmark Canada® 2020*

“These lawyers are all subject matter experts, and leader in their field, whose knowledge and skill are matched by their excellent client service.”

— *Benchmark Canada® 2019*

“This team has provided outstanding legal service. They are prompt, responsive, and communicative. They are strong strategists and provide well researched, experienced legal advice. We work with many firms, and Harper Grey stands out. One member of the team remembers every interaction, memo, pleading and document. They understand a very complicated file and address it with ease and candor. We very much appreciate their strong advocacy.”

— *Benchmark Canada® 2019*

“The firm is top notch. They have many lawyers specialized in medical defense work who are highly skilled in their legal acumen and practice management, but who also recognize the importance of carrying out their work in a practical, results-oriented manner. They actively look for ways to more efficiently partner with their clients for effective management of the work, while at the same time not weakening their excellent service delivery, their responsiveness, or their effectiveness in the work.”

— *Benchmark Canada® 2019*

“The firm’s lawyers are principled and have deep integrity. Their work is thorough and of consistent high quality.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2019*

“Excellent response time, good talent from junior and intermediate to senior levels and reasonable service costs.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2018*

“They exceeded all my expectations. I am very satisfied with their work and very happy to recommend them.”

— *Chambers Canada@ 2017*

“Rod Anderson – he’s got a reputation for success, he’s got a client following, and he just wins.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2013*

“Harper Grey is one of the best firms in Vancouver. They have excellent service, knowledge and their cost structure is excellent.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2017*

“Rod Anderson is lauded for his enthusiastic client following and his track record of success.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2015*

“Harper Grey lawyers are ‘dedicated to their clients and focused on finding and implementing practical solutions for them. The lawyers are prompt, intelligent and insightful, and provide a high level of customer service’.”

— *2012 Canadian Lawyer Magazine@ Embracing Regionalism - Canadian Lawyer’s Top 10 firms from B.C., Alberta, and the Territories are in the Sweet Spot Right Now, October 1, 2012*

“Terry Robertson is a noted practitioner, heralded for his insurance and personal injury prowess, which is said to have a “crossover white-collar crime element as well”.

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2012*

“Harper Grey is a trial lawyer’s firm, and they’ve got a big deep bench of well-trained litigators.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2017*

“A lawyer who refers work to Harper Grey wrote it has ‘great service, a breadth of practice and I have never received a negative comment from referrals to the firm’.”

— *2014 Canadian Lawyer Magazine Stronger than Ever - Top Western & Northern Firms, September 1, 2014*

“A Vancouver staple, Harper Grey is perhaps the most BC-centric of the “highly recommended” firms, owing largely to the firm’s bench strength in several key areas.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2018*

“Every day it seems like I am dealing with someone at Harper Grey, and I always find them professional, courteous and effective.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2017*

“Harper Grey has a stellar pedigree as a litigation firm, and they’ve put a ton of people on the bench, observes one peer.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2014*

“Harper Grey has niches, and in those niches they are the best of the best.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2017*

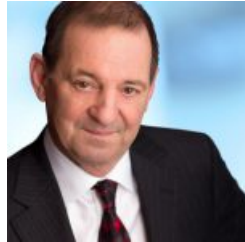
“The firm has real quality people, and they’ve put three people on the bench there in six years.”

— *Benchmark Canada@ 2015*

“Clients are comforted by the firm’s long history in BC. We’re steeped in the region. Our connection is such that we have knowledge of not only the issue itself, but the history of the issue in the province.” – Richard Bereti

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SELECT NEWS

Harper Grey shortlisted as BC Law Firm of the Year by Benchmark Canada 2020
14.Feb.20

Best Lawyers® in Canada 2018 recognizes 27 Harper Grey Lawyers

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