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Salman is a partner with Harper Grey with a practice focused on commercial and real estate disputes, insolvency and restructuring and business law. He is co-chair of the firm's Insolvency and Restructuring group and the Real Estate Law group.

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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

INSOLVENCY & RESTRUCTURING

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

- Represents clients in commercial foreclosure proceedings
- 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.

BUSINESS LAW

- Advises clients on business acquisitions
- Advises clients on various corporate matters
- Advises clients on risk management strategies for their businesses
- 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

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

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

- British Columbia, 2001
- Alberta, 1997

LEADERSHIP

- Harper Grey Insolvency & Restructuring Group, Co-Chair
- Harper Grey Mentoring Program, Mentor
- Harper Grey Real Estate Law Group, Co-Chair
- Harper Grey Strategic Planning Committee, Member
- Stratford Hall World IB School, Past Board of Governors
- Vancouver Bar Association, Former Executive

MEMBERSHIP

- BC Ismaili Conciliation and Arbitration Board, Board Member
- Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch Subsections, Member:
 - Business Law
 - Civil Litigation
 - Insolvency Law
 - Real Estate Law
- Ismaili Business and Professional Association, Member
- Mortgage Brokers Association of BC, Member
- Real Estate Institute, Member
- South Asian Bar Association, Member
- [The Law Society of British Columbia](#), Member
- [Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia](#), Member

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- University of British Columbia's Law Students Legal Advice Program, Volunteer
- [World Partnership Walk](#) and [FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance](#), Fundraiser & Volunteer

RECOGNITION

Recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Corporate and Commercial Litigation by Best Lawyers® in Canada, 2017 - 2022

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 - 2022

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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Salman "truly saved my life through my case! I had no choice but to trust [him] and [he] exceeded my expectations. [He] was outstanding at navigating and guiding me at a time that was like climbing Mount Everest. He worked endlessly to get me a quick resolution. I'm so grateful to him."

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SELECT ARTICLES + PUBLICATIONS

Article authored by Salman Bhura re-published in LexisNexis Commercial Insolvency Reporter

Written by: Salman Y. Bhura*

Can Insolvent Businesses Survive after the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Published to: Harper Grey Resource Hub

Written by: Salman Y. Bhura*

SELECT EVENTS + PRESENTATIONS

Harper Grey lawyers to attend upcoming TAG Alliances 2021 Fall International Conference

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

Harper Grey lawyers attend TAG Alliances Western Regional Meeting

Event date: 31.01.19

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

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

Harper Grey proudly sponsors and attends 2022 ACCE West Coast Gala

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COVID-19 Weekly Wrap-Up – May 15-21

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Real Estate Law Update: Strata Rental Restrictions are History: Rental Restrictions on Strata Units are No Longer Enforceable

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