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EXPERTISE

Health Law
Professional Regulation

William represents clients in both civil and regulatory matters. He has acted as counsel for most types of professionals, including doctors, dentists, psychologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, engineers and nurses.

Professionals rely on William to provide practical advice on regulatory and disciplinary matters. His experience in and intimate knowledge of how regulations such as the *Health Professions Act* are typically applied, and how professionals often structure their practice allow for very reliable advocacy.

When not helping clients, William serves as the firm's resident expert on where to find the best pizza in town.

EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

- Representing professionals in disciplinary matters including improper administration (billing, record keeping), communication with patients/clients, negligence, and allegations of sexual misconduct
- Advocating for professionals applying for a licence to practice in British Columbia
- Representing clients at tribunals, hearings and other meetings at regulatory organizations such as the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, the College of Dental Surgeons of BC, and the College of Physiotherapists of BC
- Advising clients on matters involving breach of confidentiality and the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*
- Counsel on an appeal involving a Constitutional and Charter challenge to a finding of professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming
- Providing policy advice to professional organizations, including advice regarding professional liability insurance
- Counsel to the Royal Commission on Workers Compensation in British Columbia

LITIGATION

- William often works with other Harper Grey counsel on matters intersecting professional regulation, civil litigation and/or criminal law
- Counsel in a number of Supreme Court of Canada cases such as *London Drugs v. Kuhne & Nagel* (vicarious liability), *A.M. v. Ryan* (evidence, disclosure, counselling records), and *Hollis v. Birch* (establishing a manufacturer's duty to warn of potentially hazardous medical products)

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- University of Victoria, LL.B., 1988
- University of British Columbia, B.A., 1982

BAR ADMISSION

- British Columbia, 1989

LEADERSHIP

- Assistant Chair, Harper Grey Health Law Group
- Chair, Harper Grey Professional Regulation Practice Group
- King David High School, Board Member
- Editor and Contributing Author, Harper Grey Canadian Administrative Law Blog
- Editor and Contributing Author, Harper Grey Administrative Law Observer Newsletter
- Contributing Author, LexisNexis® Harper Grey Administrative Law Netletter™
- Contributing Author, Administrative Justice: A Practitioner's Guide, 2016, Published by LexisNexis® Canada

MEMBERSHIP

- Member, Medical Legal Society of BC
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, National Health Law Subsection
- Member, The Law Society of British Columbia

RECOGNITION

Named as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Healthcare (Regional - British Columbia) by Chambers Canada®, 2020-2021

Named Vancouver "Health Care Law Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers® in Canada, 2017

Rated as a "Repeatedly Recommended Leading Practitioner" in the area of Medical Negligence (Represents Defendants) by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory®, 2017-2021

Recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Administrative and Public Law by Best Lawyers® in Canada, 2017-2021

Recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Health Care Law by Best Lawyers® in Canada, 2015 - 2021

Recognized as a "Local Litigation Star" in British Columbia in the area of Health Law by Benchmark Canada®, 2019-2021

Recognized as a "Local Litigation Star" in British Columbia in the area of Professional Liability by Benchmark Canada®, 2019-2020

Rated as a "Repeatedly Recommended Leading Practitioner" in the area of Professional Liability by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory®, 2019-2021

COMMENTARIES

Praised as a “very strong performer” for his industry expertise in healthcare regulatory matters in BC.

SELECT ARTICLES + PUBLICATIONS

Harper Grey publishes Administrative Justice: A Practitioner’s Guide, a thorough overview of the current state of Canadian administrative law through detailed summaries of cases

Published by: Harper Grey - 25.Jun.16

Written by: Michael G. Thomas*, JoAnne Barnum, William S. Clark*, Julie K. Gibson, Kara L. Hill, Lindsay R. Johnston, Scott J. Marcinkow*, Jonathan D. Meadows*, Joel A. Morris*, Nathaniel J.W. Turner, Adam R. Way, Lara C. Zee

Julie Gibson and William Clark co-author Chapter 16 “Interlocutory Practice” of BC Administrative Law Practice Manual

Published In: CLE BC Administrative Law Practice Manual - Part Two: Review by the Courts - 2015

Written by: Julie K. Gibson, William S. Clark*, Jackson C. Doyle

William Clark and Julie Gibson co-author “Interlocutory Practice” Chapter in 2012 BC Administrative Law Practice Manual

Published In: CLE Society of BC - BC Administrative Law Practice Manual - 2012

Written by: Julie K. Gibson, William S. Clark*

“Update: BC’s New Health Professions Act” Article

Published By: Harper Grey - 01.Jun.10

Written by: Guy P. Brown, QC*, Jonathan D. Meadows*, Julie K. Gibson, Scott J. Marcinkow*, William S. Clark*

SELECT EVENTS + PRESENTATIONS

William Clark and Julie Gibson to speak at RegPro 2017 Conference

Presentation Date: 26.Sept.17

Presented by: William S. Clark*, Julie K. Gibson

William Clark to present at British Columbia Administrative Law Practice course

Presentation Date: 20.Jun.12

Presented by: William S. Clark*

William Clark to speak at Self Governing Professions seminar

Presentation Date: 01.Apr.11

Presented by: William S. Clark*

William Clark and Terrence Robertson, QC present at Professional Regulation and Discipline Conference

Presentation Date: 24.Sep.09

Presented by: Terrence L. Robertson, QC, William S. Clark*

SELECT NEWS

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19 Harper Grey Lawyers Recognized as Leading Practitioners by 2021 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

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Harper Grey recognized as a Leading Law Firm in the area of Healthcare by Chambers Canada 2021

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Chambers Canada 2021 Recognizes Eight Harper Grey Lawyers as Leaders in Their Field

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2020 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory Recognizes 19 Harper Grey Lawyers as "Leading Practitioners"

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Harper Grey recognized as a Leading Law Firm in the area of Healthcare by Chambers Canada 2020

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Eight Harper Grey Lawyers Ranked as Top Litigators in Their Field by Chambers Canada 2020

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

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

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Kim Jakeman to Co-Chair Critical Issues in Health Law – A National Summit

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