



KARA L. HILL

Kara's legal practice is focused on two main areas: defending insurance clients in bodily injury litigation and representing health professionals in regulatory matters. She takes a practical approach to her legal work, and is known for balancing tenacity with collegiality.

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EXPERTISE

Health Law
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Kara is an associate with Harper Grey and a member of our Insurance Law, Health Law and Professional Regulation Groups.

Kara assists insurance clients with a variety of coverage and litigation defence matters, handling an array of cases involving bodily injury and property loss, with a keen interest in bodily injury defence.

In her health and professional regulation practices, Kara represents professionals such as physicians, dentists, podiatrists, physiotherapists and psychologists in complaint, disciplinary, billing and other matters involving their respective regulatory bodies and the provincial government.

Kara has appeared before the Provincial and Supreme Courts of British Columbia and various administrative tribunals including the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, the Health Professions Review Board and the Medical Services Commission.

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- University of Manitoba, J.D., 2012
- University of Victoria, B.A. (With Distinction), 2008

BAR ADMISSION

- British Columbia, 2013

LEADERSHIP

- Volunteer, Marketing and Communication Committee, Women Lawyers Forum
- Co-Vice President, Pacific Community Resources Society
- Board Member, Pacific Community Resources Society, 2017 – present
- Contributing Author, LexisNexis® Harper Grey Administrative Law Netletter™
- Contributing Author, Harper Grey Canadian Administrative Law Blog

- Contributing Author, Harper Grey Administrative Law Observer Newsletter
- Contributing Author, Administrative Justice: A Practitioner's Guide, 2016, Published by LexisNexis® Canada
- Contributing Author, LexisNexis® Harper Grey Insurance Law Netletter™
- Contributing Author, Harper Grey Canadian Insurance Law Blog
- Contributing Author, Harper Grey Insurance Law Update Newsletter
- Mentor, YWCA Youth Mentorship Program, 2016 – 2017

MEMBERSHIP

- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Member, The Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch Subsections
 - Insurance Law
 - Health Law
 - Administrative Law
 - Women Lawyers Forum

RECOGNITIONS

Recipient of the Honourable Marshall Rothstein Prize for Constitutional and Administrative Law, 2012

Recipient of the Leon Mitchell, QC Prize in Labour Relations, 2012

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

SELECT EVENTS + PRESENTATIONS

Harper Grey participates in 2018 Hooplaw Charity Basketball Tournament

Event date: 08.Sept.18

Presented by: Kara L. Hill, Jackson C. Doyle

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “More Than a Slip and Fall: Insurance Claims Beyond Simple Traumas”

Event date: 30.May.18

Presented by: Nigel L. Trevethan*, Kara L. Hill, JoAnne Barnum, Jennifer R. Woznesensky

Kara Hill and Scott Marcinkow to present “Avoiding And Responding To College Complaints” at Harper Grey Bridging the Gap Seminar Series

Event Date: 29.Sep.17

Presented by: Scott J. Marcinkow*, Kara L. Hill

Kara Hill and Scott Marcinkow to co-present “How To Avoid College Complaints And What To Do Should One Arise” at Harper Grey Bridging the Gap Seminar Series

Event Date: 17.May.16

Presented by: Kara L. Hill, Scott J. Marcinkow*

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Tools For Your Personal Injury Toolbox”

Event Date: 11.May.16

Presented by: Daniel J. Reid, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Kara L. Hill, Michael J. Robinson, Nigel L. Trevethan*

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Summer Fun...And What Potentially Can Go Wrong”

Event Date: 23.May.14

Presented by: Aaron D. Atkinson, Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Kara L. Hill, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Steven Abramson*, W. Sean Taylor

SELECT NEWS

Kara Hill volunteers for CBA BC Women Lawyers Forum Marketing and Communications Committee

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Kara Hill elected as co-vice president of the Pacific Community Resources Society

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Kara Hill appointed to the Board of Directors of the Pacific Community Resources Society

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Harper Grey sponsors One to One Literacy Society’s 2015 Annual Corporate Spelling Bee Challenge

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Harper Grey team reclaims the 2015 Hoop-Law Recreational Division Trophy!

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Harper Grey welcomes three new Associates – Kara Hill, Robin Bennett, and Kimberly Fenwick

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SELECT NEWSLETTERS + UPDATES

Case Summary: Court confirms no breach of procedural fairness rights in party not being able to cross-examine witness when party had not specifically requested to do so

Published in: Administrative Law Newsletter – 19.Jan.21

Written by: Kara L. Hill

Case Summary: Decision to launch public hearing into transit officer's assault of a black student in 2011 was restored

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 20.Oct.20

Written by: Kara L. Hill

Case Summary: City ordered to produce redacted legal invoices from collective bargaining process on a freedom of information request

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 20.Oct.20

Written by: Kara L. Hill

Case Summary: Application for judicial review regarding new criminal record check procedure was remitted for fresh hearing due to ambiguity in the record before the first application judge

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 18.May.19

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Case Summary: Emails amongst clients where lawyers were not included on thread but their privileged work product was being discussed were considered protected by solicitor-client privilege

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 18.May.19

Written by: Kara L. Hill

Case Summary: Appeal tribunal's decision to uphold a medical school participant's dismissal found unreasonable due to failure to consider the law of accommodation

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 19.Mar.19

Written by: Kara L. Hill

Case Summary: Federal Court sets aside appeal panel's decision to uphold denial of veteran's pension application because panel unreasonably concluded that the applicant's physician's report was speculative and not credible

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 19.Mar.19

Written by: Kara L. Hill

Case Summary: Ontario Court quashes City of Hamilton's decision to remove political party's discriminatory, anti-transgender bus-stop ads due to failure to consider the party's Charter right to free speech

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 18.Dec.18

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Case Summary: Ontario Court rules that doctrine of discoverability does not apply to the hard limitation period provided under the Insurance Act and SABS

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 18.Dec.18

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Case Summary: A doctor's petition for judicial review of the College's rejection of his application for independent registration was dismissed. While the first of the two College assessments of the doctor was more favourable than the second, it was made clear that the first assessment was an interim one and the second was final, so the College was entitled to rely upon the findings of the second assessment over the first

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 18.Sep.18

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Case Summary: International arbitration award from New York was recognized and enforced in Ontario, despite party's argument that it was not yet "binding" within the meaning of the Model Law as they still intended to argue issues of costs before the arbitrator

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 18.Sep.18

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Case Summary: Paramedic found to be in the course of his employment when injured on his day off while assisting on-duty paramedics with a fellow music festival attendee who had collapsed

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Case Summary: The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal found the WCB's decision that the injured worker's medical marijuana did not qualify for medical aid under its policy was reasonable, and that the policy itself requiring qualifying medical aid treatment to be consistent with Canadian healthcare standards was intra vires and consistent with the Workers Compensation Act

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 15.May.18

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Case Summary: The BC Court of Appeal found the City of Vancouver's bylaw authorizing its director of planning to relax zoning bylaw provisions for development proposals that include low cost housing to be valid

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter – 15.May.18

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Case Summary: Supreme Court of Canada affirms BC Human Rights Tribunal decision to dismiss application, finding the HRT had jurisdiction over the complaint where section 13 only requires a sufficient nexus with the employment context, and not necessarily a relationship of economic power

Published In: Administrative Law Newsletter - 20.Feb.18

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Case Summary: ABQB upholds Chief Commissioner's decision on judicial review, concluding the Chief Commissioner drew a reasonable inference that preference for a female babysitter could be easily explained

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Case Summary: Master's finding that the plaintiff impliedly waived solicitor-client privilege by making his state of mind a central issue in his subsequent litigation upheld on appeal

Published in: Administrative Law Newsletter - 19.Sep.17

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Case Summary: Transportation Authority's decision to refuse anti-abortion advertisement on its buses upheld as reasonable and proportionate on judicial review

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Case Summary: Ontario Divisional Court upholds international medical graduate's dismissal from anesthesia residency program following his failure to satisfy remediation plan requirements

Published in: Administrative Law Newsletter - 18.Jul.17

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Case Summary: Administrator of Thalidomide Survivors Contribution Program did not breach procedural fairness by denying extension to applicant who did not meet eligibility criteria for financial assistance

Published in: Administrative Law Newsletter - 18.Jul.17

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Case Summary: BC Supreme Court finds Human Rights Tribunal's decision that failed to establish nexus between employee's termination and alleged sexual discrimination was not patently unreasonable

Published in: Administrative Law Newsletter - 21.Mar.17

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Case Summary: Federal Court rules decision to revoke pilot's security clearance at Montreal airport over "life-threatening" online threats was reasonable

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Case Summary: BC Law Society's decision not to approve Trinity Western University's law school unreasonable

Published in: Administrative Law Newsletter - 20.Dec.16

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Case Summary: Supreme Court of Canada clarifies that a statutory right of appeal is not a new category of correctness

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Case Summary: Human rights complaint investigation was sent back to Tribunal for lack of thoroughness

Published in: Administrative Law Newsletter - 27.Sep.16

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Case Summary: The Charter and Nova Scotia Human Rights Act do not apply to Trinity Western University, a private university operating in British Columbia

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Case Summary: Decisions of university official regarding student group's space booking privileges held not to be subject to Charter scrutiny

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Case Summary: Interim practice conditions ordered by College of Massage Therapists were upheld despite complainant's unsubstantiated allegations

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Case Summary: Traffic Commissioner's acquittal of an Uber driver for operating a business without a licence was overturned

Published in: Administrative Law Newsletter - 22.Feb.16

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Case Summary: Application to become a fully licensed psychologist was denied for lack of evidence of supervised work experience

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