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EXPERTISE

Health Law
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Aviation
Appellate Advocacy

Dionne advises and represents clients on a variety of matters relating to professional liability, personal injury, human rights, contract, property damage, administrative law, and other dispute resolution matters. Her health law practice involves defending and advising physicians. Her insurance practice involves defending against liability claims in a wide range of contexts. Her aviation practice includes assisting airports and air carriers with customer claims, assisting aviation companies with aircraft damage and contract claims, and engaging with forum issues.

Dionne is called to the bar in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. She has appeared before the British Columbia Provincial Court, Supreme Court, and Court of Appeal. She has also appeared before the Yukon Small Claims Court and the Yukon Supreme Court. She has experience with chambers proceedings, hearings, and trial. She also has experience with alternative dispute resolution mediums.

Dionne is currently a coach for the University of British Columbia team for the Jessup International Moot Court Competition. Dionne also writes for the Insurance Law Netletter for LexisNexis.

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- University of British Columbia, J.D., 2015
- Simon Fraser University, B.A., 2012

BAR ADMISSION

- Yukon Territory, 2017
- British Columbia, 2016

MEMBERSHIP

- Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch, Member
- Canadian Bar Association, Yukon Territory Branch, Member
- The Law Society of British Columbia, Member

RECOGNITION

Named as One to Watch in the area of Aviation Law in Vancouver by Best Lawyers in Canada® 2024

SELECT ARTICLES + PUBLICATIONS

“Medical Assistance in Dying: Finding a Balance” Article

Published In: CBA Bar Talk - 01.Jun.17

Written by: Dionne H. Liu, Kimberly J. Jakeman, KC*

“When is Natural Death Reasonably Foreseeable?” Article

Published In: Canadian Lawyer Magazine - 18.Apr.16

Written by: Dionne H. Liu, Kimberly J. Jakeman, KC*

“The Rules of Dying” Article

Published In: The Lawyers Weekly - 27.Nov.15

Written by: Dionne H. Liu, Kimberly J. Jakeman, KC*

SELECT EVENTS + PRESENTATIONS

Harper Grey hosts Fall 2021 Virtual Insurance Law Seminar

Event Date: 05.Nov.21

Presented by: Steven Abramson*, Dionne H. Liu, Aaron D. Atkinson

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – “Focus On Risk”

Event Date: 31.May.17

Presented by: Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Nigel L. Trevethan*, Steven Abramson*, Aaron D. Atkinson, Daniel J. Reid, Dionne H. Liu

SELECT NEWS

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Harper Grey welcomes three new Associates – Kelsey Rose, Jackson Doyle, and Dionne Liu

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SELECT NEWSLETTERS + UPDATES

Case Summary: Better to ask for permission than to seek forgiveness!

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter - 29.Nov.23

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Case Summary: Don't worry, you get more than one shot

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter 13.June.23

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Case Summary: Family of victim of accidental military activity recovers from insurers

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter 13.December.22

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Case Summary: It's too soon!

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Case Summary: It's a scorcher!

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Case Summary: A duty from mere possibilities

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Case Summary: Clearing up the pollution of the duty to defend analysis

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Case Summary: Criminal activity was not material to life insurance risk

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter 14.September.21

Written by: Dionne H. Liu

Case Summary: Beware of the foul ball

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 09.Feb.21

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Case Summary: The written word carries the day

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Case Summary: What to do when there are two applicable insurance policies?

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Case Summary: Seeking coverage as an additional insured when it all goes up in flames

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Case Summary: The policy is the sum of all its parts

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 11.Aug.20

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Case Summary: Beware of special costs when denying insurance coverage

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Case Summary: Not a moment too soon

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Case Summary: You're only responsible for what you know

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Case Summary: It's the same wherever you go

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Case Summary: Pointing the finger at everyone else when everything goes up in flames backfires

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 10.Sep.19

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Case Summary: It does not help to have an “a-ha!” moment too late

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Case Summary: The policy wording rules the day, not the insured's impression of coverage

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Case Summary: The limitations of a builder's risk policy

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Case Summary: Insurers not required to defend claim for damages for occurrences before the policy periods and which fell within a pollution exclusion

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Case Summary: Flower delivery van's insurance coverage applied to delivery personnel's spouse

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 12.Mar.19

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Case Summary: Insurers with the same “other insurance clauses” are treated the same way

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Case Summary: No bad faith if coverage is correctly denied

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Case Summary: The perils of tardiness: late notification of coverage issues precludes insurer from denying defence and coverage

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 11.Dec.18

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Case Summary: Keep it simple: the rental contract lessee is the lessee in law

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Case Summary: Wrongful denial of coverage did not constitute bad faith

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Case Summary: Coverage was granted to a residence employee who was engaged to provide services for the named insureds' rental business on the insured property when the rental was declared on the policy

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Case Summary: An insured is not entitled to keep all of an advance paid by the insurer when it is subsequently determined that the amount paid was in excess of the loss suffered

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Case Summary: Although the insured informed the insurer of criminal allegations of sexual assault eight months after becoming aware of the allegations, the notice was sufficient because it was made as soon as practicable based on the information available at the time

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Case Summary: The actual cash value of a ring was held to be the replacement cost without any deduction as the policy did not set out how such a deduction would be calculated and there was no evidence the ring had depreciated in value

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Case Summary: Insured received coverage from automobile policy for an injury sustained when he was pushed while closing his van's sliding door

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Case Summary: Insurance coverage for mortgage fraud was not excluded where the mortgage proceeds were paid to the borrower's lawyer despite an exclusion clause where payment of mortgage proceeds was made to any person or entity other than the borrower

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Case Summary: The insured sought coverage under his Ontario automobile insurance policy following an accident on an uninsured ATV in British Columbia. The ATV was not covered by the policy because the ATV was not an "automobile" under the Ontario policy.

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Case Summary: The insurer was not acting in bad faith or in breach of the terms of the policy when it discontinued coverage after the insured refused to attend a medical examination without being able to video record the examination

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Case Summary: If notifying an insured of cancellation of coverage by registered mail, the onus to prove that the mail reached the post office is on the insurer

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Case Summary: Strata building sprinkler system held to be a plumbing delivery and distribution system, and therefore defects in material and labour for the sprinkler system enjoyed a two year warranty

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Case Summary: Insured's fleet policy excludes underinsured motorist coverage, but coverage found in personal vehicles' policy

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Case Summary: Insured awarded mental distress and punitive damages where insurer found to have failed to act in good faith in the handling of the insured's disability claim

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter - 09.Mar.18

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Planning for Medical Assistance in Dying

Published in: Estate Planning and Wealth Preservation Update - 08.Mar.17

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Case Summary: Insurer required to pay settlement agreement on behalf of insurer despite his having operated a snowmobile contrary to the terms of his criminal probation order

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 09.Jan.18

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Case Summary: Insurer has onus of adducing sufficient evidence to establish validity of marriage in priority dispute for accident benefits claim

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Case Summary: Lessor not entitled to third party liability coverage under policy placed by lessee where the policy does not name lessor as an insured

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Case Summary: Employer's automobile insurance policy does not provide underinsured coverage to employee who rented an automobile

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Case Summary: Insured entitled to statutory accident benefits after spilling hot coffee on herself while in McDonald's drive-through

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Case Summary: Medical expenses incurred by insured while outside of Canada are not excluded by the policy

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Case Summary: Elderly mother injured in motor vehicle accident is not principally dependant on daughter for care and therefore not insured under daughter's automobile policy

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