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EXPERTISE

Health Law
Insurance Law

Michael has a broad insurance practice representing clients in matters involving property disputes, bodily injury claims, professional negligence and coverage. He also acts for insurers pursuing subrogated actions in property damage claims. Michael's clients include home owners; small, medium and large business; professionals; contractors and tradespeople. Michael is a regular presenter at educational seminars and contributes to the firm's Insurance Law Quicklaw Netletters.

In his health law practice, Michael represents physicians in civil actions. He also assists physicians with a variety of medical-legal matters, including regulatory matters before the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Michael has appeared before the Provincial Court, Supreme Court, and various tribunals.

Michael is actively involved in the community and for many years volunteered at a summer camp for kids. He is an avid soccer fan and his idea of a relaxing weekend morning is to watch the English Premier League with a local supporters club.

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- University of Calgary, J.D., 2013
- University of British Columbia, B.A. History (Classical Studies Minor), 2009

BAR ADMISSION

- British Columbia, 2014

LEADERSHIP

- Contributing Author, LexisNexis® Harper Grey Insurance Law Netletter™
- Contributing Author, Harper Grey Canadian Insurance Law Blog
- Contributing Author, Harper Grey Insurance Law Update Newsletter
- Contributing Author, Contemporary Canadian Insurance Law Casebook, 2015, Published by LexisNexis® Canada

MEMBERSHIP

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

SELECT ARTICLES + PUBLICATIONS

Michael Robinson's recent Case Summary, "No policy limit for mitigation of loss coverage", referenced in The Canadian Lawyer article

Published in: The Canadian Lawyer

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary by Michael Robinson re-published in QuickScribe Reporter

Published in: Quickscribe Reporter

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

"You had me at 'Application'" Article

Published In: BC Broker Magazine - Oct.15

Written by: Emily M. Williamson, Michael J. Robinson

Harper Grey publishes Contemporary Canadian Insurance Law, a comprehensive casebook providing access to the case law and legal principles relevant to virtually all areas of insurance law in Canada

Published by: Harper Grey - 08.Jul.17

Written by: Aaron D. Atkinson, Cameron B. Elder*, David W. Pilley, Emily M. Williamson, JoAnne Barnum, Jonathan D. Meadows*, Kim J. Yee, Kora Paciorek, Michael J. Robinson, Michael G. Thomas*, Nigel L. Trevethan*

SELECT EVENTS + PRESENTATIONS

Jennifer Woznesensky, Kim Yee and Michael Robsinson to attend Toronto's GIC Conference

Event date: 24.Oct.18

Presented by: Jennifer R. Woznesensky, Kim J. Yee, Michael J. Robinson

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*

SELECT NEWS

Harper Grey hosts annual Insurance Law Seminar – "Changing the Rules of the Game: How Insurance Law Professionals Can Deal with Recent Changes in the Law"

Related to: Jonathan D. Meadows*, Dionne H. Liu, Michael J. Robinson, Paul Saunders, Steven Abramson*, Aaron D. Atkinson - 29.May.19

Harper Grey welcomes new Associate, Michael Robinson

Related to: Michael J. Robinson - 23.Jun.14

SELECT NEWSLETTERS + UPDATES

Case Summary: Duty to defend for property damage claim less than deductible

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter 14.September.21

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: No material change prior to complete fire loss

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter 14.September.21

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Occasional payments from an acquaintance did not exclude coverage after the insured's vehicle was stolen at gunpoint

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter 13.Apr.21

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: No policy limit for mitigation of loss coverage

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter 13.Apr.21

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: New trial ordered where misrepresentations wrongly considered as omissions

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 08.Dec.20

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Vehicle owner vicariously liable for accident caused by unknown driver

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 08.Dec.20

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Mixed success on multiple vehicle arson claim motions

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 15.Sep.20

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Long term disability benefits insurer's motion for summary judgment dismissed

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 15.Sep.20

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Coverage excluded due to retroactive date in a claims-made policy

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 10.Mar.20

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Court of Appeal overturns motion judge, finding claim for disability benefits is statute barred

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 10.Mar.20

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Out-of-province insurer liable for statutory accident benefits for an accident in Ontario

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 08.Oct.19

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Insured prejudiced by the insurer's denial of coverage during litigation

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 08.Oct.19

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: AWOL insured did not breach duty to cooperate

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 11.Jun.19

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Insurer ordered to produce its policies, procedures, guidelines and internal documents concerning how an accident benefits claim was handled in a bad faith action

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 11.Jun.19

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: No Coverage under a Homeowner's Policy for Claims in Battery

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

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: No Coverage under a Homeowner's Policy for the Insured's Adult Son

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

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Insurer not required to pay contractor after paying insured for covered loss

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

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: No coverage for diminished value of vehicle following crash

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

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: The Manitoba Public Insurer was required to defend and indemnify its insured for a motor vehicle accident in Ontario despite the insured's non-payment of premiums and failure to register his vehicle in Ontario prior to the accident

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

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: The insurer's conduct amounted to a waiver of the insured's breach where the insurer defended the claim without a reservation of rights or a non-waiver agreement for three years before denying coverage. Information indicating that the insured was in breach existed and was available to the insurer three years prior to the denial

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

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Motion by a contractor for coverage under a builder's risk policy was dismissed because the loss was not an event that occurred during the coverage period as the cause of the loss was distinct from the event of the loss

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

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: The insurer was a person "person lawfully entitled to" a vehicle under the Repair and Storage Liens Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. R. 25, despite not having resolved the underlying claim with the insured

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 12.June.18

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: The insured employee was entitled to long-term disability benefits for a brain injury suffered on a company trip despite applying for benefits after his employment ceased because the policy did not exclude coverage for claims arising during the course of employment

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter – 12.June.18

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: The insurer's application for double costs following trial was refused on the basis that its formal offer to settle was ambiguous

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter - 10.Apr.18

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: The insurer was added as a defendant to an action after the limitation period running from the date of the motor vehicle accident had expired due to discoverability issues but the insurer was at liberty to plead a limitation defence

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter - 10.Apr.18

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Approval of infant settlement delayed because lawyer's contingency fee agreement was unreasonable

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

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Coverage for rental property excluded under vacancy exclusion despite insured living in a trailer beside the home while it was under renovation

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

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Additional insureds entitled to appoint and instruct their own counsel due to inherent conflict of interest

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Case Summary: BCSC dismisses personal injury claim of cyclist with no memory of accident citing lack of evidence to establish unidentified motorist negligence

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter - 10.Oct.17

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Fire loss caused by tenant's negligent maintenance of a motor vehicle is excluded from coverage

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter - 10.Oct.17

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: BCCA denies claim where teenaged plaintiff "ought to have known" that vehicle was driven without consent

Published In: Insurance Law Newsletter - 10.Oct.17

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Changes to B.C.'s Small Claims Court

Published in: Insurance Law Update - 27.Apr.17

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Ontario court dismisses insurer's application for order compelling insured to undergo neuropsychological testing

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 14.Feb.17

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: Disabled employee not entitled to payments until age 65 despite insurer's previous agreement to continue paying outside of contract of insurance

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 14.Feb.17

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: The defence of set-off not suitable for determination by summary trial

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 13.Dec.16

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: BC court affirms the insurer's obligation to save harmless the insured from the costs of defending the action encompasses third-party proceedings

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 13.Dec.16

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: Trickery and fraud exclusion clause of homeowner's policy applied: coverage was denied for fraudulent scheme

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 13.Dec.16

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: Claim for "diminished value" of an automobile may exist in Ontario

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 18.Oct.17

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: BC Court of Appeal held that insurer's settlement demands letter didn't constitute confirmation of a cause of action

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 20.Sep.16

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: Insurer was not obligated to inform insured of applicable limitation period under Limitations Act

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 20.Sep.16

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: An incident in a party bus arose from "ownership, use or operation" of the bus

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 20.Jun.16

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: Court granted leave to appeal an arbitrator's ruling that a person injured while riding an ATV was in an "accident"

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 20.Jun.16

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: Defence costs of a class action were excluded under a claims made policy

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 20.Jun.16

Written by: Michael J. Robinson, David W. Pilley

Case Summary: Evidence did not establish arson on a balance of probabilities

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 18.Mar.16

Written by: Michael J. Robinson

Case Summary: Doctrine of laches was not available to a second party insurer in defence of a claim under Ontario Insurance Act

Published in: Insurance Law Newsletter - 18.Mar.16

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Case Summary: Manitoba permanent impairment benefits are similar to no fault benefit regime in British Columbia: Manitoba insured was deemed to have released claim to the extent of the benefits received

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