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Partner

Matt has created a broad litigation practice with an emphasis on insurance litigation, defending life and disability claims, along with other types of claims. Matt was named to the 2021 edition of the Best Lawyers in Canada for Insurance Law and Corporate and Commercial Litigation.



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Matthew Duffy grew up in Winnipeg but attended law school at the University of Toronto and subsequently was called to the Ontario bar in 2003. He practiced litigation at a Toronto boutique insurance defence firm where he gained valuable experience through the volume of files, as well as appearing at motions, mediations and examinations.

In 2007, Matthew wanted to return home and start a practice in Winnipeg and chose Pitblado Law because of its people, diverse practice areas, and its strong reputation within the legal community.

Over the past 15 years, Matthew has created a broad litigation practice with an emphasis on:

- insurance litigation
- defending life and disability claims
- occupier liability claims
- coverage disputes
- commercial disputes

- personal injury claims
- wrongful dismissal claims
- condominium disputes
- real property disputes

Practice Areas

→ Insurance

→ Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Civil Litigation

Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Employment Litigation

Insurance Litigation

Personal Injury

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His experiences include appearing regularly at all levels of Manitoba Courts and various administrative tribunals and mediations.

Matthew has presented on various topics including, disability claims, occupiers liability, damages, and social media.

Matthew is active within the community sitting on the Misericordia Foundation Board and various committees and he is the acting Chair of the Winnipeg Soccer Federation. He is a member of various Firm committees including the Hiring Committee and the Innovation Committee.

Education

Admitted to the Manitoba Bar, 2007

Admitted to the Ontario Bar, 2003

J.D., University of Toronto, 2002

M.A., York University, 1999

B.A. (Hons), University of Manitoba, 1997

Publications and Appearances

Co-Author (with Don MacDonald), Pitblado COVID-19 Resource Centre, "Game On (Or Not)! – COVID-19 and Sporting Events & Other Events", June 1, 2020

Co-Author (with Karen Poetker, Eric Blouw and Kara Moore), Pitblado COVID-19 Resource Centre, "COVID-19 – Summary of Court Closures in Manitoba", April 14, 2020

Author, Pitblado COVID-19 Resource Centre, "COVID-19 and Business Interruption – 'Am I Insured?'", April 2, 2020

Co-Author (with Nicole Deniset), Pitblado COVID-19 Resource Centre, "Considerations for a Business Owners' Premises", March 27, 2020

Co-Author (with Karen Poetker, Eric Blouw and Kara Moore), Pitblado COVID-19 Resource Centre, "UPDATE – Executing Affidavits and Declarations During COVID-19 Pandemic", March 26, 2020

Co-Author (with Karen Poetker, Eric Blouw and Kara Moore), Pitblado COVID-19 Resource Centre, "Executing Affidavits and Declarations During COVID-19 Pandemic", March 24, 2020

Co-Author (with Karen Poetker, Eric Blouw and Kara Moore), Pitblado COVID-19 Resource Centre, "Managing Litigation in Manitoba During the COVID-19 Pandemic", March 24, 2020

Co-Author (with Karen Poetker, Eric Blouw and Kara Moore), Pitblado COVID-19 Resource Centre, "Potential Claims Resulting from COVID-19", March 24, 2020

Community

Chair, Winnipeg Soccer Federation

Board member, Misericordia Health Centre Foundation (Chair, Golf Committee)

Former member, MundiAvocat Canadian Lawyers Soccer World Cup Team

Avid hockey and soccer player