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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): New Brunswick, 1984

Legal Assistant(s): Cynthia Doucette

Providing legal services through a professional corporation.

As a leading lawyer with experience as a civil litigator and insolvency specialist, Steve has worked with a diverse group of clients in finding solutions to challenging situations and when required, delivering successful results in court. Some examples of the services Steve has performed for his clients include:

- Acting as legal counsel to various stakeholders in numerous insolvency proceedings under both the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.
- Acting as legal counsel to Canada's leading life and disability insurers and a regular contributor and speaker at events organized by the Canada Life and Health Insurance Association.
- Acting as legal counsel to government and industry on a multi-million dollar lawsuit relating to a bid-rigging and price fixing conspiracy.
- Acting as lead counsel on the successful defence of product liability claims, including claims against a global leader in fibreglass-based products and claims against a major international supplier of fish feed.
- Successfully challenging an exparte order obtained by the Commission of Competition against leading members of the Canadian Brewing Industry.
- Acting as counsel to a major Atlantic Canadian Industry leader in the defence of executive level wrongful dismissal litigation.
- Acting as lead counsel in the defence of wrongful dealer termination claims against a global leader in the supply and distribution of equipment for the forestry and agriculture industries.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing
Bankruptcy, Receivership & Insolvency
Corporate Formation/Reorganization
Insurance
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Mergers & Acquisitions
Real Property
Securities

Education & Career

Education

University of New Brunswick, LL.B., 1983
University of New Brunswick, B.A., 1980

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association
Practice group leader, Commercial Litigation and Insolvency, Stewart McKelvey, 2012 to present
Practice group leader, Life & Disability Insurance, Stewart McKelvey, 2008-2012
Member, Atlantic Salmon Federation
Member, Miramichi Salmon Association
Director, Maritime Quarter Horse Association

Accolades

King's Counsel, 2016
Lexpert rating: Litigation – Corporate Commercial, 2019 – 2023
Martindale-Hubbell rating: CV

Publications

"The Use of an Equitable Receiver to Seize RRSP Accounts of a Bankrupt: A Case Commentary on Bearsfield and Mod-Aire v. McNabb", Janis P. Sarra and Justice Barbara Romaine, editors, Annual Review of Insolvency Law 2015 (Toronto: Carswell, 2015) at 529-546

"New Brunswick Court of Appeal Narrows the Test of Intention in Inducement of Breach of Contract Cases", Atlantic Business Counsel, December 2010

Presentations

"The Use of an Equitable Receiver to Seize RRSP Accounts of a Bankrupt: A Case Commentary on *Bearsfield and Mod-Aire v. McNabb*" – Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference, 2016

"2016 Insolvency Review – Current Topics & Trends: The use of an Equitable Receiver to Seize RRSP Accounts of a Bankrupt" – CBA, New Brunswick, 2016

"Disability Claims – Legal Expert Roundtable" – Canadian Life and Health Association, Claims Section and Anti-Fraud Conference, 2016

"The Use of an Equitable Receiver to Seize RRSP Accounts of a Bankrupt: A Case Commentary on *Bearsfield and Mod-Aire v. McNabb*" – Carswell Annual Review of Insolvency, 2015

"CCCA and BIA Proposals" – CPA New Brunswick Fall Conference, 2014

"Litigation Strategy for In-House Counsel" – Stewart McKelvey Professional Development Day, 2013

"Essential Legal and Legislative Update" – CLHIA Claims Section Annual Conference, 2013

"Recent Decisions on Aggravated and Punitive Damages" – Insight 7th Edition Disability Claims Management and Litigation Conference, 2013

"Tips in Preparing and Conducting Examination for Discovery" – Stewart McKelvey Regional Seminars, 2013

"Recent Decisions on Aggravated and Punitive Damages" – CLHIA Webinar/CLHIA Legal Section Annual Meeting, 2013

"Recent Decisions on Aggravated and Punitive Damages" – Stewart McKelvey Regional Seminars, 2013

"International Insolvency – Reflections on the Landdrill CCAA Proceedings" – Canadian Bar Association, 2013

"CCAA and BIA Proposal Procedures -Overview and Recent Developments" Stewart McKelvey Canadian Corporate Counsel Association, New Brunswick Chapter, 2012 Law Firm Series Seminar

"Duty to Make Full and Frank Disclosure on Initial CCAA Applications" – Canadian Bar Association, 2012

"Civil Search Warrants to Preserve Evidence – Anton Piller/Norwich Orders", Stewart McKelvey Business Disputes Breakfast Seminar, 2011

"A Legal Review of Social Media for Surveillance", CLHIA Claims Section Annual Conference, 2011

"Recent Decisions on Facebook" and "Social Networking Sites", Stewart McKelvey Insurance Law Seminar, 2010

"Recent Decisions on Facebook & "Recent Decisions on PIPEDA", The Canadian Institute Conference, 2010