



DAVID W. HAY, Q.C., PARTNER

David is a senior litigation lawyer whose preferred area of practice is serious personal injury. He has worked on a wide range of medical-legal, insurance and commercial litigation matters and has appeared at all levels of the British Columbia Courts. He also has extensive experience in mediations.

David is well known for his cycling advocacy work and is regularly consulted by injured cyclists, cycling advocacy groups, private and non-private organizations, and various media outlets on issues affecting the cycling population in BC. He has also been consulted by a variety of government and non-government stakeholders on urban planning and management relating to the safety and security of cyclists. David is leading the Road Safety Reform group whose purpose is to amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to make it more applicable and safer for vulnerable road users.

He has dedicated a large part of his professional life to helping people in difficult circumstances. In his work as President of the Canadian Bar Association's (BC) Benevolent Society, he raises and distributes funds to fallen colleagues and their families. As Past Chair of Pain BC, he worked to improve the lives of British Columbians who live with chronic pain. As a member and former Executive and Governor of the Trial Lawyers Association of BC, David strives to empower and protect the legal rights of the individual.

David is a partner in the Litigation Group at Richards Buell Sutton LLP. He articulated and practiced at a large downtown law firm before joining RBS as an associate in 1991, and partner in 2000. "Partnership is rewarding. It's one of my proudest achievements because I enjoy my partners and have tremendous regard for them. Unlike many organizations, we are not driven by our individual egos but by a collective desire to serve our clients and balance our working lives. The nice thing about the firm is that we're small enough to be personable but large enough to be effective for our clients."

David was appointed Queen's counsel in 2015, an honour reserved for less than 4% of lawyers in British Columbia.

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Practice Areas

Personal Injury
Estate Litigation



David provides legal services through David W. Hay Law Corporation.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

David was voted “Best Bike Lawyer” by The Georgia Straight’s Best of Vancouver Reader’s Choice Awards in both 2018 and 2019.

He has also been recognized by *Best Lawyers*® in the area of Personal Injury Litigation for the 2020 – 2021 editions. Inclusion in this publication is based entirely on peer-review.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

An incorrigible rocker and recording artist, David sings, writes and performs songs and has won the Vancouver, Nanaimo, and Victoria Battles of the Bar Bands.

David co-produced and directed *The Paisley Snail*, an educational docudrama on the law of negligence which has been distributed to High schools and Universities throughout the world.

He performs and raises money annually for the CBA (BC) Benevolent Society, and Families for Children – a non profit organization that supports children and young adults by providing housing, education, medical care and vocational training.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

President, CBA (BC) Benevolent Society

Past Chair, Pain BC

Member, Trial Lawyers Association of BC (former Board of Governors)
Member, Law Society of British Columbia
Member, Canadian Bar Association (CBA)
Member, HUB Cycling
Member, BC Cycling Coalition
Honorary Member of the UBC Law Class of '62

NEWS

August 27, 2020

10 Lawyers Recognized in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* 2021 Publication

June 9, 2020

David Hay Q.C. Interviewed by CBC News

October 3, 2019

David Hay Voted Vancouver's Best Bike Lawyer (Again)

August 27, 2019

Fostering Our Partnership with HUB Cycling

August 21, 2019

9 Partners Recognized in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* 2020

July 4, 2019

Bike Lawyer, David Hay Q.C., interviewed on CBC's On The Coast

June 28, 2019

Cast your votes for Richards Buell Sutton LLP, and for David Hay, Q.C. in The Georgia Straight's Best of Vancouver 2019 Reader's Choice Awards!

October 19, 2018

Recently Voted as Best Bike Lawyer by the Georgia Straight, David Hay, Q.C., Quoted in the Voter's Voice

March 9, 2018

Modernization of Motor Vehicle Act Approved by City Councils of Victoria and New Westminster

March 6, 2018

David Hay, Q.C., Spotlighted as a Transportation Cycling Leader

December 6, 2017

Victoria City Council endorse the Road Safety Law Reform Group initiatives

December 4, 2017

Bike Lawyer, David Hay, Q.C., interviewed on CFX 1070 Radio

November 30, 2017

Times Colonist highlights changes to the Motor Vehicle Act
October 24, 2017

Bike Lawyer, David Hay, Q.C., interviewed on Co-Op Radio
October 23, 2017

David Hay, Q.C., Spotlited in Nanaimo News
October 18, 2017

Bike Lawyer, David Hay, Q.C. quoted in Daily Hive
October 17, 2017

Bike Lawyer, David Hay, Q.C., Quoted in HUB Media Release
October 2, 2017

Members of Personal Injury Team Participate in HUB's Bike Fashion Show
September 12, 2017

David Hay, Q.C. Quoted in HUB's September Newsletter
June 26, 2017

David Hay, Q.C., Featured on Global News
June 19, 2017

David Hay, Q.C. quoted in CBC News
May 18, 2017

RBS Kick-starts HUB's Bike to Work Week by Participating in the Rush Hour Challenge
April 26, 2017

RBS supports "Distracted Driving Kills" Campaign
April 13, 2017

Bike Lawyer, David Hay, Q.C., Interviewed on CBC Radio
February 20, 2017

David Hay, Q.C. Interviewed on 100.5 FM Radio
February 3, 2017

Cyclist Safety and Motor Vehicle Act Reform
September 30, 2016

David Hay, Q.C., referenced in CBABC's recent publication of BarTalk
July 18, 2016

David Hay, Q.C., attends Queen's Counsel Induction Ceremony
January 7, 2016

RBS climbs to five Queen's Counsel lawyers
December 22, 2015

David Hay appointed Queen's Counsel
October 14, 2015

Bike Lawyer, David Hay, is interviewed on CBC Vancouver News
September 4, 2015

RBS is the sponsor of Pro Bono Students Canada's Rock Out Event
June 28, 2015

RBS are proud sponsors of the Pain BC Scotiabank Charity Challenge
March 19, 2015

David Hay interviewed by Vancouver Sun and CBC
November 13, 2014

Global BC interviewed RBS bike lawyer David Hay
October 20, 2014

David Hay presents at the 2014 Bike Sense Review Workshop
October 9, 2014

David Hay interviewed on CBC on cycling litigation and pedestrians
October 9, 2014

David Hay published in BarTalk
September 28, 2014

RBS is a sponsor of the 2014 East Van Crown
September 5, 2014

David Hay is quoted in The Province
August 7, 2014

Reflections on the Paisley Snail
June 13, 2014

David Hay and House Arrest Wins the Vancouver 2014 Battle of the Bar Bands
June 10, 2014

David Hay to perform at the Battle of the Bar Bands event
March 26, 2014

David Hay, Partner at RBS, featured in the BCCC WeCycle March 2014 Issue
September 1, 2013

David Hay appointed President of the CBA (BC) Benevolent Society
February 26, 2013

David Hay, partner at RBS, to accept the 'Lawyers Helping Lawyers' award
October 15, 2012

Bike Lawyer David Hay quoted in Outside Magazine
June 24, 2012

Bike Lawyer David Hay quoted in the Victoria Times Colonist
May 22, 2012

Bike Lawyer, David Hay, quoted in this week's Business In Vancouver
May 16, 2012

David Hay participates in News1130 broadcast
March 30, 2012

David Hay, Vancouver's Bike Lawyer, quoted on OpenFile
October 30, 2011

David Hay, partner with RBS, and his band raise money for diabetes research
August 17, 2011

Vancouver's Bike Lawyer - David Hay - quoted in The Province Newspaper
August 12, 2011

David Hay, Vancouver's Bike Lawyer and RBS Partner, quoted on CBC News

EVENTS

October 7, 2020

RBS a Premier Sponsor of HUB Cycling's Fall Bike to Work Week
November 28, 2019

David Hay Q.C. Presents at Cycle City Vancouver's Winter Event Series
October 17, 2019

Gear Up for HUB Cycling's Fall Bike To Work Week Campaign
September 9, 2019

RBS Participates in HUB Cycling's Bike The Night Event
June 21, 2019

RBS' Personal Injury Group attend BC Active Transportation Summit
June 18, 2019

RBS Supports HUB Cycling's Fundraising Afternoon Tea Event
May 22, 2019

RBS participates in HUB Cycling's Annual Rush Hour Challenge
May 13, 2019

RBS Gears Up for HUB Cycling's Spring Bike to Work Week
March 1, 2019

RBS Personal Injury Lawyers David Hay, Q.C and Michelle Quinn attend HUB Cycling's
6th Annual Bike Awards Ceremony
September 17, 2018

4000+ participate in HUB Cycling's Bike the Night; BC's largest RBS sponsored night
ride
September 6, 2018

HUB Cycling's Bike the Night

June 1, 2018

Gear Up for HUB Cycling's Spring Bike to Work Week

February 23, 2018

David Hay, Q.C. to perform at the famed Commodore Ballroom for 12th Annual Rock for Dimes Vancouver!

February 22, 2018

Our Continued Support of HUB Cycling's Bike Awards

December 1, 2017

RBS sponsors HUB Cycling and BEST's Annual Holiday Event

November 3, 2017

HUB's Bike Shorts Film Event and Fundraiser

June 7, 2017

Members of RBS' Personal Injury Team Present at Upcoming CLEBC Conference

May 1, 2017

RBS and Bike Lawyer, David Hay, Q.C., proud to sponsor Bike to Work Week

March 28, 2017

David Hay, Q.C. presents on "But Injuries Happen"

December 2, 2016

RBS Sponsors HUB and BEST Annual Holiday Party

November 21, 2016

David Hay at Night Out with Pain BC

June 15, 2016

BEST founding member, David Hay, Q.C., discusses cycling and the law

June 10, 2016

President of the Benevolent Society, David Hay, Q.C., places first for total monies raised for CBABC's Battle of the Bar Bands

December 15, 2014

HUB+Best Winter Open House

October 27, 2014

HUB Fall Bike to Work Week

PUBLICATIONS

November 1, 2013

David Hay, of RBS, writes for The Lawyers Weekly

January 1, 2013

Please Release Me

September 1, 2012

Reverse Onus Of Proof

August 1, 2012

David Hay's Top Ten List of Do's and Don'ts Following a Traffic Accident

July 3, 2012

The Great Helmet Law Debate

July 3, 2012

David Hay, Bike Lawyer at RBS, writes for the Vancouver Sun

April 1, 2012

Controlling Uncontrolled Intersections

February 1, 2012

De Facto Fiasco

January 1, 2012

A Legal Moment - Breaking the Rules

August 17, 2011

The Helmet Law and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

March 15, 2011

"Ordinarily Resident"

January 1, 2011

"Hurt" - Proving Causation in Chronic Pain Cases

October 29, 2010

Upgrade the Legislation

September 15, 2010

The Squeeze

July 1, 2010

Keep a Lid On It: Mandatory Helmet Legislation Revisited

May 10, 2010

Neither Here Nor There

March 16, 2010

Keeping Abreast of Reality

January 21, 2010

The Limitation Act - A Ticking Time Bomb

November 10, 2009

Door Prize - Past, Present, Future

August 4, 2009

The Case for Representation
May 25, 2009

Speed - Words, Numbers and Relativity
May 6, 2009

Designated Bike Routes: Unfinished Business
April 6, 2009

Ride for Access to Justice
January 27, 2009

No Fault Insurance Schemes - Cycling's Kryptonite
April 7, 2008

Lawyers Bike to Work for Access Justice
February 4, 2008

The Big Picture
November 22, 2007

Forget the Witness, Somebody Give Me a Buffer
April 26, 2007

Inferential Treatment
March 14, 2007

Principles, Parking Lots and Paradise
February 13, 2007

Cover Me
February 13, 2007

The Wild Game of Occupiers Liability
January 19, 2007

The Urbane Cyclist, Is It Safe?
November 17, 2006

That was no Accident
July 13, 2006

On Your Way