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Practice Areas

Appellate Advocacy
Personal Injury

Bar Admission

January 1996, Appointed Queen's
Counsel
1994, Yukon
1974, British Columbia

Education

The University of British
Columbia, LL.B., 1973

Languages

English

JAMES D. VILVANG, K.C., ASSOCIATE COUNSEL

Jim practiced with Sutton Braidwood and the merged firm of Richards Buell Sutton to date. He is a senior associate counsel with the Litigation group and was called to the Bar in British Columbia in 1974, and in the Yukon in 1994. Jim is also a Qualified Commercial Mediator. He was awarded King's Counsel status in 1996.

Jim has been a distinguished and recognized trial lawyer for over 40 years and is highly regarded by all sectors of the bar for his work ethic, insight, and love of the legal profession.

Jim provides legal services through The James Vilvang Law Corporation.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENT WORK

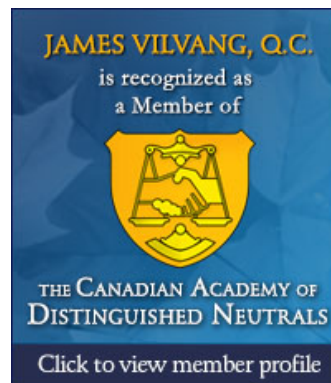
- *Genesis Fertility Centre Inc. v. Yuzpe*, 2019 BCSC 233.
- *Dubois v. Lucid Distributors Inc.*, 2018 BCSC 1582
- *Jacobs v. Yehia*, 2018 BCSC 420
- *Wright v. Mistry*, 2017 BCSC 239
- *Strother v. Darc*, 2016 BCCA 297
- *Strother v. Darc*, 2015 BCSC 2507
- *Jacobs v. Yehia*, 2016 BCCA 38
- *Jacobs v. Yehia*, 2015 BCSC 267
- *Maras v. Seemore Entertainment Ltd.*, 2014 BCSC 1109
- *Harvey v. 5505 Yukon Ltd. et al.*, 2012 YKSC 69



- *Burnett v. Moir*, 2011 BCSC 1469
- *Boot (Guardian of) v. Saladin*, 1998 CanLII 6385 (BC SC)

HONOURS & AWARDS

- Jim has been appointed a member of the Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (CADN), and his contact information and calendar can be found at their B.C. Chapter website.



- Jim has been recognized by *Best Lawyers®* in the area of Personal Injury Litigation for the 2015 to 2025 editions. Inclusion in this publication is based entirely on peer-review.



- Canadian Bar Association – George A. Goyer Award for Distinguished Service 2011
- Trial Lawyers Association of BC – Award for Outstanding Contribution – 2003

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Canadian Bar Association, National Executive, 1986-1987; 1990-1992
 President, B.C. Branch of Canadian Bar Association: 1988 - 1989
 President, Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia: 1993 - 1994
 Member, Board of Governors of Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia, 1994-2008
 Benchers, Law Society of B.C. 2002 - 2009
 Law Society Lawyer Independence Committee 2013
 Life Benchers, Law Society of B.C., 2009
 Law Society Access to Legal Services Advisory Committee, 2011-2012
 Law Society Delivery of Legal Services Task Force, 2008 - 2010
 Law Society Advocacy Training Committee, 2008 - 2010
 Law Society Lawyers Education Committee, 2008 - 2009
 Member, Civil Justice Review - Supreme Court Rules Working Group, 2004 - 2008
 Co-Chair, 11th Commonwealth Law Conference Organizing Committee Vancouver, BC held in August 1996
 Member, Executive Committee - B.C. Branch of Canadian Bar Association: 1985 - 1990
 Co-Chair, B.C. Branch Provincial Mid-Winter Meeting: 1986 and 1987
 Chair, Canadian Bar Association National Mid-Winter Meeting held at Whistler: 1992
 National Legal Aid Liaison Committee: 1989 - 1991
 Attorney General's Committee to Hire Supreme Court Masters: 1989
 Attorney General's Committee on Court Reporting: 1991 - 1992
 Member: Editorial Advisory Board of Continuing Legal Education Publication; Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Manual 1996 - 2003, and contributing author 2003 - present
 Member of Attorney General's Civil Justice Review Task Force 2004 - 2008
 Co-Chair, Annual Personal Injury Conference (CLE) May 1994 - present
 Member of Law Society of Yukon, Discipline Committee - 2015 - present
 Canadian Bar Association Contingency Fee Committee: prepared report and submissions to Law Society
 Director, Mediate BC

NEWS

October 23, 2023
 James D. Vilvang KC is Co-Chair, and Michelle A. Quinn a Presenter at CLEBC's Personal Injury Conference on Oct. 30, 2023

November 15, 2022

RBS Launches Appellate Advocacy Practice

August 25, 2022

Ten Lawyers Honoured in the 17th Edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada Publication

September 13, 2021

Vote for RBS' Personal Injury Team for Best Lawyer When Accident Strikes!

August 27, 2020

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

August 21, 2019

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

June 28, 2019

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

January 3, 2018

RBS' Lawyers Recognized in 2019 Edition of Best Lawyers in Canada

August 24, 2017

Best Lawyers® Recognizes Five RBS Partners for 2018 Canadian Edition

July 12, 2017

Congratulations to James Vilvang, Q.C., being named a Distinguished Attorney for 2017

August 11, 2016

Four of our partners have been recognized in the upcoming 2017 edition of the Best Lawyers in Canada

July 22, 2016

Four RBS lawyers top CLEBC's list of most prolific volunteers.

February 23, 2016

Partners, Jim Vilvang, Q.C. and Alex Eged raise money for Workout to Conquer Cancer

November 25, 2015

4 partners at Richards Buell Sutton LLP were included in the 10th Edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada

May 5, 2014

James Vilvang Q.C., Partner of the Litigation Group of RBS, featured on Global News

October 26, 2011

James D. Vilvang QC wins CBA award for Distinguished Service

EVENTS

June 15, 2021

Michelle A. Quinn is a Presenter at CLEBC's Personal Injury Conference

October 7, 2020

RBS a Premier Sponsor of HUB Cycling's Fall Bike to Work Week

May 13, 2019

RBS Gears Up for HUB Cycling's Spring Bike to Work Week

June 7, 2017

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

PUBLICATIONS

February 15, 2012

Preparation for Negotiation

December 1, 2011

Proving Loss of Earning Capacity for Self-Employed Individuals

May 1, 2010

Ethical Issues with Juries and How to Properly Deal with Them

December 12, 2007

Preparing Lay Witnesses for Trial

October 22, 2007

Planning and Preparing for Negotiation

October 20, 2003

Effective Defence Tactics at Mediation of Brain Injury Cases

January 27, 2003

Role of Counsel at Mediation

September 25, 2001

Coping with Stress at Trial

January 28, 2000

Rehabilitation Options Before Trial: ICBC and Institutional Sources

October 3, 1998

The Art of Negotiation: Basic Strategies for Successful Negotiation

January 16, 1996

Making Objections During Jury Trials