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Jonathan Woolley is the Practice Group Leader of our Appellate Advocacy Group, and a member of the firm's Intellectual Property and Advanced Education and Research Groups. He maintains a broad litigation practice, with particular emphasis on intellectual property and commercial litigation, as well as the representation of professionals before their regulatory bodies. He has appeared as counsel at all levels of court in B.C., the Yukon Court of Appeal, the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal, as well as in private arbitrations.

Jonathan's intellectual property litigation practice focuses on copyright and trademark law, and he represents commercial clients in contract, real property, and shareholder disputes. Jonathan also has experience in professional negligence claims, insolvency, and administrative and regulatory law.

Jonathan joined the firm in 2014, after having practised at a large litigation firm, and later a litigation boutique, in Vancouver. In 2011 he obtained Master of Laws degrees from New York University and the National University of Singapore while based in Singapore and Shanghai.

Jonathan was born in Newfoundland and grew up in Saskatchewan. He enjoys reading, music, travel, and spending time with his family.

Jonathan provides legal services through Jonathan M.S. Woolley Law Corporation.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENT WORK

- Counsel for trademark owners in infringement actions
- Counsel for copyright owners in infringement actions
- Defence counsel for professionals in disciplinary matters before their regulatory bodies
- Counsel for a university in an arbitration with a pharmaceutical company, involving

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Practice Areas

Appellate Advocacy
Intellectual Property Disputes
Advanced Education and
Research
Debt Collection
Shareholder and Partnership
Disputes
Technology and Innovation

Bar Admission

British Columbia, 2004

Education

University of Victoria, LL.B., 2003
New York University (U.S. and
Asian Business and Trade Law),



LL.M., 2011

National University of Singapore
(International and Comparative
Law), LL.M., 2011

Queen's University, B.Comm
(Hons.), 2000

Languages

English

patent licensing and royalties

- Counsel for a trademark owner in an infringement action against a provincial government ministry, through summary trial and appeal
- Counsel for a plaintiff minority shareholder in a two-week corporate oppression trial and appeal
- Counsel for a group of physicians in a four-week trial involving allegations of breach of fiduciary duty as corporate directors in a specialist clinic
- Counsel for a rancher in a claim against a government ministry, on an appeal concerning the existence of a duty of care in negligence
- Counsel for a local business on an appeal concerning the B.C. Supreme Court's jurisdiction over a foreign defendant
- Counsel for a creditor, on summary trial and appeal, in a case involving issues of contractual interpretation
- Member of a legal team in the defence of a tobacco company in a health care costs recovery lawsuit
- Defence counsel for a foreign corporation in a three-week trial in a derivative action brought by a minority shareholder
- Plaintiff's counsel in a one-week trial relating to allegations of negligence and breach of contract in connection with a church fire
- Plaintiff's counsel for a foreign judgment-creditor, in a summary trial resulting in the enforcement of a foreign judgment in B.C.
- Counsel for a franchisor in a two-week trial involving allegations of breach of contract and fraud
- Counsel for a plaintiff manager in a greenhouse business, in a claim of unjust enrichment against a majority shareholder, through summary trial and appeal

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- Counsel for a teacher on a judicial review, and subsequent appeal, of a decision of the Teacher Regulation Branch, involving issues of res judicata and abuse of process by delay
- Counsel for a physician, on an administrative appeal to the B.C. Supreme Court, from a decision of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C.
- Counsel in the defence of a large insurance company in a seven-week trial relating to allegations of breach of contract
- Counsel for a plaintiff minority shareholder in an eight-week corporate oppression trial
- Counsel for creditors in foreclosures and unsecured collections
- Defence counsel for insurance brokers in negligence claims

PRESENTATIONS

“Affirmative Action, Substantive Equality, and Universities” – Canadian Association of University Solicitors (CAUS) Conference, June, 2024

“Academic Misconduct in Online Learning” – Canadian Association of University Solicitors (CAUS) Conference, June, 2023

DIRECTORSHIPS

Director, Lawyers’ Inn Society

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Law Society of British Columbia
Canadian Bar Association

NEWS

May 10, 2024

Saad Patel and Varun Dhaul Are Called to the Bar

November 15, 2022



RBS Launches Appellate Advocacy Practice

August 24, 2022

Good Luck to our Summer Students!

September 8, 2021

Good Luck to the Newest Students Enrolled in the RBS Business Law Clinic

January 9, 2019

RBS Welcomes Two New Partners

November 2, 2018

Jonathan Woolley quoted in recent CBC article on trademark infringement

EVENTS

November 9, 2022

Advanced Education Group Host Annual Half-Day Seminar for BC University Counsel

May 6, 2019

RBS is a Platinum Sponsor of the Canadian Association of University Solicitors (CAUS) Conference

PUBLICATIONS

April 19, 2024

Public Interest - Rare Cases Where Patent Injunctions Declined

April 18, 2023

The Doctrine of Licensee Estoppel in Canada

June 21, 2021

RBS Wins Landmark Decision: Government Liable for Trademark Infringement

July 26, 2017

Supreme Court of Canada Considers Jurisdictional Issues and the Internet in Cases Involving Facebook and Google



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