



### Robyn High

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Robyn has a general litigation practice with experience in a broad range of areas including legislative and regulatory compliance, criminal and quasi-criminal matters, civil fraud and white collar crime, human rights and *Charter* litigation, general litigation and contractual disputes.

Robyn has successfully advised and represented clients in matters involving cannabis and liquor disputes with the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission; legislative exemptions before Transport Canada; general disputes involving various other provincial and national regulatory bodies; regulated professional actions before governing bodies; and defended clients charged under municipal and provincial offences.

Robyn is results-oriented and works collaboratively with clients to define desired outcomes, maintaining communication with her clients as a top priority.

Prior to joining DLA Piper, Robyn worked as a Crown Prosecutor for the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General litigating *Charter* challenges and prosecuting both criminal and provincial offences. She has appeared at multiple levels of court and is experienced in legislative interpretation and compliance, search and seizure, individual and corporate rights and obligations, and all aspects of trial litigation and resolution.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Regulatory and Administrative Law

English

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

- Acted for the Royal Bank of Canada in *Saunders v Royal Bank of Canada*, 2021 ABQB 941
- Acted for the Respondent, 1970805 Alberta Ltd., in *Avli BRC Developments Inc v BMP Construction Management Ltd*, 2021 ABQB 412

## Admissions

- Alberta, 2017

## Education

- J.D., The University of Calgary, 2016
- B.A., (Hon.) International Development, The University of Calgary, 2012

## Memberships

- Law Society of Alberta

## Community Involvement

- Volunteer legal counsel, Edmonton Community Legal Centre (ECLC), Edmonton, AB

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **101 recommendations: Release of the Cullen Report on anti-money laundering in British Columbia**

16 June 2022

In May of 2019, the Government of British Columbia appointed B.C. Supreme Court Justice Austin Cullen to lead a Commission of Inquiry into money laundering in the province. Published on June 15, 2022, the Cullen Report broadly concludes that neither B.C.'s provincial, nor the federal, anti-money laundering regimes are effective in their current state to address the estimated billions of dollars in illicit funds that flow through B.C. annually.

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#### **Recent Alberta Court decision determines if intent adds another element to the established test for fraud or deceit**

17 May 2021

In the recent decision of *NEP Canada ULC v MEP OP LLC*, the Court took the opportunity to provide direction on whether intent is a required element of the test for fraud in Alberta.

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#### ***Kowal v. Sun Star Energy Inc.*: Liability for fraudulent misrepresentation by joint tortfeasors and through intermediaries**

18 January 2021

In the recent decision of *Kowal v. Sun Star Energy Inc.*, 2020 ABQB 244, all but one of the plaintiffs were awarded damages when the Court found that both the corporate defendant and the defendants in their personal capacity were liable to the plaintiffs for fraudulent misrepresentation arising from purchase of shares. Though offering no new guidance on intent as a requisite element to prove fraudulent misrepresentation, the case is meaningful in that it entrenches appellate decisions from outside Alberta with respect to joint liability and fraudulent misrepresentation through an intermediary into Alberta's civil fraud jurisprudence.

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