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David Neave is the Chair of the Vancouver office Dispute Resolution department. He has extensive experience in defending class proceedings and has acted in more than 40 class actions brought in a wide range of areas including data breach, competition/restraint of trade, products liability, securities and banking.

David's defence work includes defending class action and individual claims against an international postal/package service in respect to an alleged data breach of customer data; international pharmaceutical manufacturers of a number of different prescription and OTC drugs; a recently filed class proceeding seeking health care costs recovery related to the opioid crisis; medical products manufacturers of a variety of devices (hip and knee replacement systems, spinal screws, pacemakers, emergency call systems, introducer systems); international food manufacturers; international airlines (cargo and passenger fees); international electronic manufacturers of various computer chips and other components; various financial institutions pertaining to interest and credit card charges; international heavy equipment manufacturers of forestry and marine equipment; and, manufacturers of a variety of auto parts. He has also represented securities brokerages and an international accounting firm on securities act matters.

David regularly appears before all levels of British Columbia courts and various regulatory tribunals.

Before joining the firm, David enjoyed a 20-year career with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). As part of its commercial crime section for 11 years, he conducted stock market manipulation investigations, and a variety of complex fraud and theft investigations. Just before leaving the RCMP, he acted as in-house counsel to the senior management of the RCMP in British Columbia.

- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

- Life Sciences

English

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

Admissions

- British Columbia, 1993
- Ontario, 2014

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Class Action Litigation), 2010–2022; (Corporate and Commercial Litigation), 2014–2022
- *Chambers Canada* (Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence)), 2016-2022; (Litigation: Products Liability), 2017-2022; (Litigation: General Commercial), 2020-2022
- *Chambers Global* (Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence)), 2014–2017
- *Legal 500 Canada* (Dispute Resolution), 2017-2022; (Competition and Antitrust), 2019-2022; (Transport: Aviation), 2021-2022
- *Canadian Legal Expert® Directory* (Class Actions), 2015-2016, 2019-2020; (Competition Law), 2015-2021
- *LMG Life Sciences Directory*, Life Sciences Star in Canada, 2019
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Life Sciences), 2013–2017; (Product Liability Defence), 2013, 2016
- *Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences* (Product Liability), 2018
- Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation* (Class Action, Competition, Product Liability and Securities), 2014-2019; (White Collar Crime), 2016-2019

Education

- LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1992
- B.Sc., Trent University, 1974

Memberships

- Member, Class Action, Civil Litigation and Products Liability Subsections, Canadian Bar Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

28 May 2020

The risk to companies of global and cross-border class action and collective redress proceedings is rising.

Litigation trends and risk management in the COVID-19 era

29 APR 2020

To help our clients anticipate and protect against the threat of litigation in these already difficult times, we are monitoring all COVID-19 related litigation filings, assembling the collective knowledge and experience of our lawyers across DLA Piper's global practices, sectors and jurisdictions to anticipate future trends, and proactively partner with our clients. This client alert provides a brief summary of the litigation trends that have emerged and which we expect will emerge, both in terms of class actions and other litigation, and offers some practical tips to minimize risks based on these developing trends.

Events

Previous

White Collar Crime, Investigations and Compliance Symposium

5 October 2021

Webinar

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

16 June 2020 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. ET (Session one) | 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET (Session two)

Webinar

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Fuel Surcharge Class Action", CBABC Air & Space Law Section Meeting, November, 2015.
- Panelist, "Recent Developments in Consumer Class Actions: The End of Waiver of Tort in Consumer Class Action Cases?", Class Actions Forum West, The Canadian Institute, May, 2015.
- Presenter, "Class Actions in Canada - a Primer", DLA Piper (Canada) LLP, June, 2015.