



## Professional Governance and Regulation

DLA Piper's Professional Governance and Regulation practice was one of the first of its kind to be developed by major law firms in Canada.

We function as an integrated team that is able to respond quickly, sensitively and flexibly, and we are committed to the view that decision-making control should be in the informed and responsible hands of the parties involved. We have successfully implemented this philosophy by focusing on prevention as the best use of legal capital.

Our overall approach is to avoid litigation wherever possible. We have established a national track record of eliminating the need for appeals and reviews in the courts of decisions made by professional regulatory bodies, while attracting complimentary judicial comments about the administrative and disciplinary decisions of our clients.

We offer a full range of advisory and representational services to professional regulatory bodies and their members, specifically:

- Prosecuting cases before professional discipline tribunals
- Acting as legal counsel to or chairing professional discipline tribunals
- Representing and defending professionals before professional discipline tribunals
- Advising professional regulatory bodies about governance, regulatory policy and compliance, strategic planning, government relations and public affairs, bylaws and rules, registration and admission, examination appeals, professional corporations, professional ethics, advertising, constitutional challenges, procedural fairness issues, investigation processes, alternative dispute resolution and system design, human rights, freedom of information and privacy, judicial reviews and appeals, and unauthorized practice.

### RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Health Law

### EXPERIENCE

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- Represented the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia
  - Represented the College of Psychologists of British Columbia
  - Represented the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia
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### Publications

**Disclosure to Members and Complainants in Professional Conduct Investigations and in Reviews before the Health Profession Review Board**

