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Overview

As a partner in the Firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution group, Dennis Picco's practice focuses on contract disputes, construction, risk management and insurance. He represents various companies in the construction industry, including architects and engineers in professional liability disputes, and counsels clients in the areas of intellectual property, commercial and contractual disputes. Dennis utilizes his litigation, arbitral, ADR and trial experience to provide his clients with strategic advice and solutions for their business needs and objectives.

As an extension of his litigation practice, Dennis is an experienced arbitrator whose practice involves construction, shareholder and contract disputes.

Dennis was the Edmonton office Managing Partner for five years, and currently serves as a member of the Global Risk Management Committee.

Experience

- **Stationlands:** Successful application in Supreme Court of Canada of exception to exclusion in builders risk construction policy and establishing first exception to SCC standard of review.
- **Confidential clients:** Acting for a number of clients involved in construction project disputes primarily in the area of deficiency and delay claims.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising companies involved in a broad range of commercial disputes, court proceedings and before arbitration panels.
- **Software development companies:** Advising in connection with disputes relating to the ownership, licensing, developing and creating of software. These disputes involve the retaining and defending of Anton Pillar orders, obtaining experts to examine source code, and providing strategic advice regarding the settlement and subsequent license of software.

Recognition

First recognized in 2011, Dennis has been commended for his extensive knowledge and experience in a variety of

respected publications, including:

- *Chambers Canada*: Litigation - General Commercial (Alberta)
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada*: Alternative Dispute Resolution Law; Construction Law; Corporate and Commercial Litigation Law; Insurance Law
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*: Litigation: Commercial Insurance; Litigation: Corporate Commercial; Personal Injury: Represents Defendants, Commercial Arbitration; Professional Liability; Construction Law
- *Lexpert Special Edition – Canada’s Leading Lawyers*: Litigation; Infrastructure
- *Benchmark Litigation: Canada – Litigation Star*: Insurance; Construction; Intellectual Property; Commercial
- *Martindale-Hubbell*: BV Distinguished Peer Review Rating

Honors and Awards

- Received distinction and recognition as Queen's Counsel in 2012

Insights

- Published a number of articles for *LawNow*

Activities and Affiliations

- Member, Law Society of Alberta, Edmonton Bar Association, Canadian Bar Association
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, International Arbitration

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Co-Chair of the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation Charity Golf Tournament
- Past Executive member of the Edmonton Interdistrict Youth Soccer Association
- Past Member, Board of Directors for Royal Mayfair Golf and Country Club

Presentations

- Numerous presentations to Canadian Bar Association sub section groups regarding
 - Arbitration, Tendering law and Risk Management.
- Speaker at The Fundamentals of Construction Contracts: Understanding the Issues seminar, January 2008 - 2011
- Presented a paper on Arbitration and Mediation to IT CAN

Areas of focus

Practices

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Industry sectors

- Construction
- Insurance
- Technology

Education

- University of Alberta, 1986, BComm
- University of Alberta, 1986, LLB

Admissions and qualifications

- Alberta, 1987
- Northwest Territories, 2007

Languages

- English
- Italian