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Practice Areas

Personal

- ▶ Personal Injury & ICBC Claims
- ▶ Family Law

Education

- ▶ South Plains College, Texas, USA, 1987
- ▶ Cameron University, Oklahoma, USA, Bachelor of Arts (Honours), 1990
- ▶ University of British Columbia, L.L.B., 1993

Bar Locations

- ▶ British Columbia (1994)

Cathleen has restricted her practice to personal injury, insurance defence, and family law over the past 28 years. She is also an accredited family law mediator. She values her relationships with her clients and always puts their interests first by actively listening to their legal goals. Cathleen is no stranger to a courtroom however she appreciates the opportunity to resolve disputes in a mediated forum under the right circumstances.

Cathleen has met with success at every level of court in British Columbia including the Court of Appeal where she won a family law case that became a leading case in Canada for many years over a parent's ability to move with their child. She has won a personal injury case where it was determined that an occupant of a motor vehicle that was subjected to carbon monoxide poisoning resulting in a brain injury arose out of the ordinary use and operation of a motor vehicle. She also won a case where her clients were forced off the road while passing a semi truck even though their vehicles didn't collide. Cathleen is not afraid to take what may look like novel arguments and present them in a way that makes them fit within the parameters of the law. Her dual role over the years practicing personal injury and insurance defence has provided her with expertise, knowledge and experience to represent her clients to the highest capacity.

Cathleen grew up in White Rock, British Columbia however pursued her undergraduate degree in Texas and Oklahoma while playing NCAA college tennis on scholarship. She also interned and worked at an ABC affiliate television station as a weekend reporter and Crime Stoppers producer after college graduation before retuning home to attend law school at the University of British Columbia. She practiced at a boutique personal injury firm in Vancouver and subsequently opened her own law firm where she practiced for over 22 years.

Cathleen is looking forward to continuing to practice her diverse skill set at Hamilton Duncan.

Associations

- ▶ The Law Society of British Columbia
- ▶ The Canadian Bar Association
- ▶ The Trial Lawyers' Association of British Columbia, and,
- ▶ Phi Beta Kappa (Academic Honor Society, USA)

Community

- ▶ On occasion, Cathleen has worked for disbursements only or greatly reduced rates on family files for those who could not afford her services.

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