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## Karen Powar Litigator, Partner

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### Practice Areas

#### Business

- ▶ Commercial & Business Litigation
- ▶ Shareholder & Partnership Disputes
- ▶ Insurance Law & Insurance Defence
- ▶ Employment Law and Human Rights

#### Personal

- ▶ Personal Injury & ICBC Claims
- ▶ Employment and Human Rights Law
- ▶ Bankruptcy and Insolvency Services

### Education

- ▶
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### Bar Locations

- ▶ British Columbia (2009)

Karen is the head of the Personal Injury department. She has a diverse litigation practice comprising of commercial and civil disputes, employment law, personal injury and insurance defence. Over the last 11 years of her litigation practice, Karen has conducted numerous trials in both Provincial and Supreme Court.

Karen gained valuable experience for the first six years of her legal career while working as in-house counsel with ICBC. During this time she specialized in fraud claims and became comfortable in the courtroom by defending injury, liability and coverage claims. She then moved on to representing those injured as a result of a motor vehicle accident with obtaining access to treatment and achieving the compensation they deserve. Karen empathetically guides her clients through the often intimidating legal process.

Karen also has an interest in general civil and commercial matters ranging from contractual disputes to negligence actions. She has represented employees and employers in wrongful dismissal claims and has handled disputes between landlords and tenants. She has successfully resolved numerous cases through negotiations and mediations. She will also go to trial when necessary to obtain the best results for her clients.

Personable and approachable, Karen is also fluent in Punjabi. She is able to communicate effectively with her clients and ensure they feel comfortable and confident in their representation.

Outside of work, Karen enjoys keeping fit with running and yoga. She enjoys travelling and trying out new restaurants with her husband, while keeping busy with her two young children and their various activities.

### Work Highlights

- ▶ Sangha v. Read, 2019 BCSC 1761
- ▶ Singh v Lepitre, 2019 BCSC 1728
- ▶ Sultan v. Corporation Gardaworld Services, 2019 BCSC 692 ? costs decision
- ▶ Lawrence v. Parr, 2014 BCSC 2004
- ▶ Johnson v. Keats, 2012 BCSC 751
- ▶ Slawter v. ICBC, 2011 BCPC 419

## Speaking Engagements

- ▶ South Asian Law Student's Association ? Thompson Rivers University, 2019
- ▶ South Asian Bar Association ? Personal Injury Case law Updates ? 2018

## Associations

- ▶ Trial Lawyers Association of BC
- ▶ South Asian Bar Association

## Community

- ▶ Access Pro Bono
- ▶ Trial Lawyers Association of BC