



# Chelsea Hermanson

## Litigation Associate

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Chelsea Hermanson is a litigation associate with Branch MacMaster. She joined the firm in 2014 and has experience in a wide range of civil litigation, including commercial contractual disputes, insurance coverage/defence, and administrative matters. Chelsea has advised clients on a variety of issues and has represented clients before the Provincial, Superior and Appellate Courts in Alberta and British Columbia.

Since 2014, Chelsea has practiced primarily in class actions, working on cases such as *Watson v. Bank of America et al* (credit card interchange fee price-fixing), *Majestic Mattress Mfg. Ltd. v. Vitafoam Products Canada Limited et al* (polyurethane foam price fixing), *Quenneville v. Volkswagen* (diesel emissions), *Condon v. Canada* (student loans privacy breach), and *Douez v. Facebook Inc.* (Facebook ad privacy breach). Chelsea is also an instructor with Luciana Brasil at the University of British Columbia's Allard School of Law in the area of class actions.

Before joining Branch MacMaster, Chelsea worked as an associate at a national firm in Calgary, Alberta. She is called to the bar in British Columbia and Alberta and regularly works on matters in Saskatchewan and Ontario.

### Areas of Practice

- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation

### Education

- Juris Doctor (cum laude), University of Ottawa (2011)
- Bachelor of Arts, Law and Society, University of Calgary (2007)

### Professional Membership and Activities

- Admitted to Law Society of Alberta, 2012
- Admitted to Law Society of British Columbia, 2014
- Member, Canadian Bar Association



- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Co-Chair, CBA Class Actions Section
- Past Member-at-Large and Secretary, CBA Class Actions Section
- Volunteer, Amici Curiae Legal Forms Workshops
- Presenter, “Cross Country Update”, Western Canadian Class Actions Conference (Vancouver: Continuing Legal Education of British Columbia, 2018)
- Presenter, “Class Actions Year in Review”, CBA Class Action Section, 2016
- Co-author (with Luciana Brasil), “Drug Wars and Drug Deals: Pharmaceutical Class Actions”, Western Canadian Class Actions Conference (Vancouver: Continuing Legal Education of British Columbia, 2016)
- Presenter, “Class Actions Year in Review”, CBA Class Action Section, 2015
- Instructor of Law 435C – Mass Torts and Class Actions at Allard School of Law (UBC), 2017 – 2019

#### **Counsel Work**

- Coburn and Watson’s Metropolitan Home v BMO Financial Group, 2018 BCSC 1183 (approval of class action settlement relating to alleged price fixing of interchange fees)
- Basyal v. Mac’s Convenience Stores Inc. 2018 BCCA 235 (appeal of certification of class action against immigration consultant)
- Condon v. Canada, 2018 FC 522 (approval of class action settlement relating to alleged data breach of student loans information)
- Jardine v. Certainteed Corporation, 2017 BCSC 364 (approval of class action settlement relating to allegedly defective fibre cement siding)
- Lam v. University of British Columbia, 2015 BCSC 1378 (approval of class action settlement relating to failure of freezer storing sperm samples)
- Kent v. Martin, 2013 ABQB 436 (summary judgment dismissing conspiracy claims)