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**PRACTICE AREAS**

Insurance Law

Civil Litigation

Commercial Litigation & Arbitrations

Health Care

Heather Laing, K.C. is the chair of McDougall Gauley's Insurance Law Team. Heather focuses on defending complex and large loss claims involving property damage, construction, and professional liability.

## Overview

Heather practices exclusively in insurance law and litigation, including claims involving property and fire losses, construction liability, professional liability, healthcare claims, personal injury, automobile accidents and benefits, and insurance coverage disputes.

Heather was a Bencher of the Law Society of Saskatchewan for six years and served as President in 2013. In 2024, she was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

## Achievements

**BAR ADMISSION**

- Saskatchewan, 1995
- Manitoba, 1994

**EDUCATION**

- Institute of Corporate Directors, ICD.D, 2016
- ICD-Rotman, Directors Education Program, 2015
- Introductory Mediation Training, 1998
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Saskatchewan, 1993
- Bachelor of Arts (Great Distinction), University of Saskatchewan, 1990

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Inducted as Fellow of American College of Trial Lawyers, 2024
- Featured in Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation, 2023-2024
- "Best Lawyers in Canada"
  - "Lawyer of the Year", Corporate and Commercial Litigation (Saskatoon), 2022
  - Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2020-present
  - "Lawyer of the Year", Insurance Law (Saskatoon), 2017, 2023, 2025
  - Insurance Law, 2015-present
- Appointed to Federal Judicial Advisory Committee: Saskatchewan, 2017-2019, 2020-2022
- Appointed Queen's Counsel, 2012

## MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Canadian Bar Association
    - Executive Member, CBA National Insurance Law Section, 2007-2010
    - Representative to Court of Appeal Judicial Council, 2019-2024
  - Law Society of Saskatchewan
    - President, 2013
    - Bencher, 2010-2015
  - Saskatoon Bar Association
    - Past-President, 2009-2010
    - President, 2008-2009
  - Canadian Defence Lawyers, 2007-present
  - Canadian Automobile Association, Director, 2018-2021
  - CAA Saskatchewan Board of Directors
    - Chair, 2015-2017
    - Director, 2009-2021
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# Speaking Events & Presentations

**FEBRUARY 2024** | Moderator

**Court of King's Bench Practice and Procedure**

**2023** | Presenter

GEOSASKATOON BRIDGING INFRASTRUCTURE & RESOURCES FALL CONFERENCE

**"When a Claim Comes: Strategies for Effective Outcomes"**

**2020** | Presenter

SASKATCHEWAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, FALL CONFERENCE

**"Conducting Effective Questioning"**

**2016** | Presenter

LAW SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**“Conducting Efficient Litigation”**

**2016** | Co-Presenter

CANADIAN LITIGATION COUNSEL INSURANCE LAW SEMINAR, VANCOUVER

**“Update on the Law of Causation”**

**NOVEMBER, 2012** | Keynote Speaker

FWI-CWI WOMEN IN LAW CONFERENCE, SASKATOON

**“The Role of the Law Society in the Retention of Women in Private Practice”**

**2012**

SASKATCHEWAN LAW SOCIETY’S CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SASKATOON & REGINA

**“Chambers Advocacy–Ethics and Professional Responsibility in Chambers Advocacy”**

**2011** | Co-Presenter

CBA SK MID-WINTER MEETING

**Conflicts and Ethics**

**2011** | Co-Presenter

**“For the Defence” Canadian Defence Lawyers**

**2006, 2010**

WESTERN CONFERENCE

**Canadian Litigation Counsel**

**2006**

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**Loss Control Seminar**

**2005, 2006**

INSURANCE BROKERS OF SASKATCHEWAN

**Loss Prevention Seminar**