



## HEALTH SERVICES PREFERENTIAL ACCESS INQUIRY

### MICHELE H. HOLLINS, Q.C.

Michele Hollins is a partner with Dunphy Best Blocksom LLP, having joined the firm in 2001 and the partnership in 2004. She has a B.Sc. in Biochemistry from Texas Christian University and completed her law degree in 1992 at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. She did a one-year clerkship to the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench before articling with McCarthy Tetrault in Calgary, and was admitted to the Alberta bar in 1994.

Michele has a varied civil and commercial litigation practice, with a focus on employment law, particularly wrongful dismissal, constructive dismissal, duties of departing employees, non-competition covenants, use of confidential information, and the drafting of employment contracts and policies. Michele also does significant work in general contract and shareholder disputes, debtor-creditor, product liability and other areas.

Michele has appeared at all levels of Alberta Courts and has significant trial and chambers experience. She teaches advocacy skills in the annual LESA Intensive Trial Advocacy course and speaks and writes regularly on a variety of litigation and advocacy related topics. Michele is a past president of the Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch, and is currently the national second vice president, scheduled to assume the role of national president in 2014-15. She has previously served on the boards of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and ASSIST, an assistance program for lawyers and their families, and is a current member of the Calgary Stampede Blacksmiths Committee.



#### Law Practice

Employment Law  
Shareholder Disputes  
Contract Disputes

#### Called to the Bar

Alberta, 1994

#### Education

LL.B., University of Saskatchewan College of Law, 1992  
B.Sc., Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987

#### Professional Experience and Accolades

Dunphy Best Blocksom LLP, 2001-present  
Joined partnership of Dunphy Best Blocksom LLP, Jan. 2004  
Queen's Counsel designation, Jan. 2008  
Canadian Bar Association Louis St. Laurent Award, 2010  
McCarthy Tetrault LLP, 1993-2001  
Articling clerk to Court of Queen's Bench of SK, 1992-93

#### Memberships

Canadian Bar Association  
Calgary Bar Association  
Association of Women Lawyers  
Squash Alberta

#### Industry Involvement

Canadian Bar Association  
- National President, to be assumed 2014-15  
- National Second Vice President, 2011-present  
- President, Alberta Branch, 2007-08  
- National Board of Directors, 2007-08  
- Alberta Executive Committee, 2004-07  
LESA Intensive Trial Advocacy Course  
- Guest instructor/team leader, 2004-present  
Retaining Women in Law Presentation  
- Panelist, 2012  
Women in Law Leadership Conference  
- Panelist, 2011  
CBA National Skilled Lawyers Series  
- Presenter, 2011  
Bar Admission/CPLED  
- Instructor, 2002-06, 2008

#### Community Involvement

Alberta Lawyers Assistance Program (ASSIST),  
2009-present  
Calgary Stampede Blacksmiths Committee,  
2008-present  
Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation  
- Director, Alberta Chapter, 2002-06



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### **JASON L. WILKINS**

Jason Wilkins is a partner with Dunphy Best Blocksom LLP, having articulated with the firm in 2001, and joined the partnership in 2010. He completed his undergraduate arts degree with distinction in 1995, before earning his law degree at the University of Alberta in 2001 and being admitted to the Alberta bar in 2002.

Jason's practice is primarily in family law, with experience in all facets of property disputes, spousal support, custody/access and child support, with a particular interest in Hague Convention cases. He also maintains a civil litigation practice, including employment law, product liability cases, collections and a variety of other general litigation matters. He has experience in mediations, both judicial and private, and advocacy experience at all levels of Court in Alberta, including significant trial and appellate work.

Jason is a long-serving and dedicated volunteer with Calgary Legal Guidance, receiving the Allan D. Hunter Volunteer of the Year Award in 2008. In addition to numerous fundraising efforts and community development projects, he has served as a board member for Cause Canada.

An avid outdoorsman and sports enthusiast, Jason continues to assist with his family's farm near Peers, AB.



#### **Law Practice**

Family Law  
Civil Litigation

#### **Called to the Bar**

Alberta, 2002

#### **Education**

LL.B., University of Alberta, 2001  
B.A. with distinction, University of Alberta, 1995

#### **Professional Experience**

Dunphy Best Blocksom LLP, 2001-present  
Joined partnership of Dunphy Best Blocksom LLP, Jan. 2010

#### **Memberships**

Canadian Bar Association  
Calgary Bar Association

#### **Awards and Recognition**

Calgary Legal Guidance  
- Allan D. Hunter Volunteer of the Year Award, 2008

#### **Community Involvement**

Cause Canada  
- Board of Directors