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Brian Vail is Counsel in the firm's Edmonton office with more than 40 years of experience representing individuals, businesses and public institutions in a broad range of civil and criminal litigation matters before trial and appellate courts throughout Alberta. He has extensive experience with cases involving a combination of civil and criminal law issues in multiple venues, defending businesses, individuals and public institutions facing emotionally-charged claims and complaints of embezzlement, sexual offences, misconduct or other serious wrong-doing.

Brian's practice is primarily focused on the following:

- Criminal Defence – assault, sexual offences, child pornography offences and internet luring offences, embezzlement, fraud
- Insurance – approved litigation defence counsel for several major insurers throughout Canada
- Personal Injury – defence of motor vehicle accident, work accident, product liability and other negligence claims
- Education Law – defence of teachers and schools against all types of misconduct claims

Before joining Field Law, Brian articulated with the Alberta Court of Appeal. He is also a former sessional lecturer at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law.

Brian is a member and past chair of the National Insurance Section of the Canadian Bar Association and past chair or co-chair of the Insurance, Criminal Justice and Education Law subsections of the Canadian Bar Association (Northern Alberta). He is a past chair and current member of the Canadian Defence Lawyers and a member of the Defence Research Institute and the Criminal Trial Lawyers Association.

Brian is an avid reader of history and science fiction and an amateur archer.

Education

University of Alberta, 1981, Bachelor of Laws

University of Alberta, 1978, Bachelor of Commerce, With Distinction

Admissions

Law Society of Alberta, 1982