



Jackie R. Halpern K.C.

Partner

PHONE: 403.225.6415

EMAIL: jhalpern@mcleod-law.com

OFFICE: CALGARY SOUTH



ASSISTANT

Cynthia Heinbuch

PHONE: 403.254.3861

EMAIL: cheinbuch@mcleod-law.com

PRACTICE AREAS

Personal Injury

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Concussions

Fatalities

Pedestrian & Cyclist Accidents

Serious Personal Injury

Slip & Falls



I care about my clients, and use my knowledge and experience to get them the best results possible.

Jackie is a recognized leader in the area of serious personal injury. Over the past three decades, she has earned her reputation as a highly skilled lawyer and passionate advocate for her clients, working exclusively for injured victims and their families.

With a proven track record of obtaining excellent results for her clients, whether through well-negotiated settlement or court, Jackie helps her clients move forward with their lives.

Her commitment to her clients has resulted in consistently being named **The Best Lawyers in Canada** in the field of Personal Injury Litigation and also in Insurance Law. She is named "Lawyer of the Year" for Personal Injury Litigation (Alberta) for 2026 by **The Best Lawyers in Canada**.

She has also been named by **Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory** as a "Leading Practitioner in Personal Injury - representing Plaintiffs" for many consecutive years.

Clients highly recommend Jackie, giving her a rating of 5 out of 5 ("Platinum" rating) on **Martindale-Hubbell.com** and **Lawyers.com**, their highest client rating available. One client review states:

"Working with Jackie was the best experience one could have in my situation after an accident and injury. She was first and foremost the best at her job I have seen. Secondly, she is a great person that does care about her client first. Having an

insurance background, myself, I saw differing levels of care, compassion and outcome. I was recommended Jackie by another in my field of work that identified Jackie as the best in her profession, quite a testimony by itself. Hands down, the best at her profession, I would highly recommend Jackie.”

Click [here](#) to read more client reviews.

Jackie held the position of Chair of the Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association (ACTLA) from 2020 to 2021 and also served as the Chair of Public and Government Relations for ACTLA in 2024 -2025.

She is vocal about maintaining the present tort system in Alberta, and her opposition to a ‘No-Fault’ insurance regime for Alberta. Jackie has served twice as Chair of the Personal Injury section of the Canadian Bar Association - Alberta (South) and remains on their Executive. She also proudly sits on the Premier’s Council of Multiculturalism, where she contributes to initiatives aimed at promoting cultural diversity and inclusion in Alberta.

Education

1990 University of Calgary, LLB

1987 University of Calgary, BA

Admission

1991 Alberta

 Experience

In Jackie’s 30+ years of experience, she has been involved in:

Catastrophic personal injury litigation, including motor vehicle accidents, brain injuries, *Fatal Accident Act* claims, pedestrian accidents, motorcycle accidents, cyclist accidents, and slip and fall accidents, amongst others. Jackie is known to be relentless, yet compassionate and truly cares about her clients.

 Recognition

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Clients highly recommend Jackie, giving her a rating of 5 out of 5 (“Platinum” rating) on [Martindale-Hubbell.com](#) and [Lawyers.com](#), their highest client rating available.
- Recognized by [The Best Lawyers in Canada](#) for work in Personal Injury Litigation and Insurance Law (2022-2026).
- **“Lawyer of the Year”** for Personal Injury Litigation (Alberta) by [The Best Lawyers in Canada](#) (2026).
- Consistently recommended by the [Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory](#) as a leading practitioner in Personal Injury - Representing Plaintiffs
- Recipient of two awards for service to the community (2009, 2017)
- Recognized by The Canadian Bar Association for service (2016)
- Recipient of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012)
- Appointed King’s Counsel by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, 2011(formerly Queen’s Counsel as of September 2022).

PUBLICATIONS

- “DEAR JUSTICE MINISTER: WE ARE IN A CRISIS. AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP.”, Law Matters, Canadian Bar Association (Winter 2019-20)
- “Don’t Mistake Kindness for Weakness,” Truth Be Told: An Anthology of Inspirational Stories by Women in the Law (2018)
- “Issues and Considerations in Making a Claim Pursuant to the SEF 44 Endorsement”, Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, October 2017, Kristy Williams & Jackie Halpern K.C.
- “Subrogated Rights of Employers: Alive and Well in Alberta, Hammond v. DeWolfe, 2014 ABCA 81”, The Barrister, Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association (December 2014)
- Volunteer Contributing Editor, Women and the Law 7th edition, Calgary Legal Guidance (2011)

RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

- Quoted in “**Alberta insurers owe millions in penalties for overcharging on premiums: report**”, The Calgary Herald (January 30, 2025)
- Quoted in “**What you need to know about Alberta’s move to no-fault auto insurance**”, The Calgary Herald (November 22, 2024)
- Quoted in “**Rate hikes, no-fault claims in new rules pitched for Alberta auto insurance**”, The Canadian Press (November 21, 2024)
- Quoted in “**Understanding Potential Impacts From A Common Employee Health Shift**” Forbes (August 30, 2021)

 Memberships

- **Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Directors (2016–2024)**
 - Chair, Public and Government Relations (2024 - present)
 - Chair, Board of Directors (March 2020-2021)
 - Vice-Chair (2019-2020)
 - Secretary (2018-2019)
 - Treasurer (2017-2018)
- **Canadian Bar Association - Alberta - Personal Injury Subsection**
 - Executive (2014-present)
 - Chair (2014-2016)
- **Canadian Bar Association**
- **Law Society of Alberta**
- **Calgary Bar Association**
- **Association of Women Lawyers**

 Community

- **Council Member, Premier’s Council on Multiculturalism (2023 - ongoing)**
- **Calgary Glenmore Constituency Association (UCP)**

- **Calgary Glenmore Constituency Association (UCP)**
 - Board member (2022-2023)
- **JCFC Organization of Calgary**
 - Board member (2014 - ongoing)
- **Women's Legal Forum Sponsorships Committee**
 - Co-chair (2017)
- **CHW's Annual Fundraising Campaign**
 - Chair, (Childcare, Healthcare, Women) (2013 - 2022)
- **Calgary Glenmore Progressive Conservative Constituency Association**
 - Board member (2012-2017)
- **JFS Calgary**
 - Board member (2013-2017)
- **Beth Tzedec Synagogue**
 - Vice president (2011-2013)
- **The Calgary Jewish Academy**
 - Former president
 - Numerous board positions

Teaching Roles & Speaking Engagements

GUEST SPEAKER

Legal perspectives of MVA Cases

Occupational Therapists' Private Practice Group (2023)

SPEAKER

Alberta Auto Insurance Reform Update

Various medical professionals, March & September (2023)

SPEAKER

Profits vs. People - The Realities of a Proposed No-Fault System

FAIR and ACTLA (2021)

GUEST SPEAKER

The Future of Injury Law in Alberta: Updates on the Government's Review of the Minor Injury Regulations

Canadian Bar Association, Personal Injury Subsection (2020)

GUEST SPEAKER

Canadian Bar Association

Personal Injury Subsection, Various Topics (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018)

MODERATOR

Health Care Symposium

McLeod Law LLP (2015, 2016, 2018)

GUEST SPEAKER

Trial Advocacy Course

University of Calgary Law School (January 2016)

PRESENTER

Minor Injury Regulations

Numerous health care clinics (2007-present)(Calgary)

PRESENTER

Registered Massage Therapist Course

SAIT (2010)

Recent News, Events & Notable Work

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 | NEWS



27 McLeod Law lawyers recognized in the 2026 Edition of The Best Lawyers™ in Canada and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

JANUARY 22, 2025 | NEWS



Rate hikes, no-fault claims in new rules pitched for Alberta auto insurance

AUGUST 29, 2024 | NEWS



24 McLeod Law lawyers recognized in the 2025 Edition of The Best Lawyers™ in Canada and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

VIEW MORE