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Joseph Griffiths, a civil litigator and counsel to our Ottawa office, is routinely retained by corporations, non-profits, individuals and government to represent their interests in simple and complex litigation.

He has acquired extensive experience with insurance and personal injury claims involving automobile liability, statutory accident benefits, life, disability, health, fire, fidelity, marine, aviation, property loss, occupiers' liability, commercial general liability, construction and property defects, builders' risk, manufacturers' liability, sexual abuse and exploitation, and professional negligence.

From time to time, Joseph has made a point of voluntarily representing clients who might not otherwise be able to afford legal representation, and he consistently provides self-help advice to individuals and small businesses in an effort to reduce their cost and increase their access to the judicial system.

Joseph's engagements, on behalf of his clients, have allowed him to litigate disputes in a variety of legal fields including privacy law and access to information issues, technology law, intellectual property, government procurement, government expropriation, shareholder rights, corporate and commercial law, environmental law, estates and elder abuse law, contract law, medical negligence and professional malpractice law.

He has a proven track record of protecting or advancing his clients' interests, while appropriately managing their risk and containing their legal costs so that they can achieve the maximum possible advantage, regardless of whether they are engaged in litigation voluntarily or not.

Since 2002, he has argued and/or defended clients in the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Federal Court, the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Divisional Court, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Justice, the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the Tax Court among others.

Education

- LLB, Law, University of Ottawa, 2000
- BA, Political Science & Law, Carleton University, 1997

Counsel
Bar Admission: 2002

Practice Areas

Accident Benefits
Commercial & Business Litigation
Construction Law
Cyber Risk
Defamation & Reputation Management
Directors & Officers Liability
Environmental Liability
Estate & Trust
General Casualty & Special Risks
Health, Life & Disability Insurance
Human Rights, Harassment & Abuse
Insurance Coverage
Intellectual Property Litigation
Landlord and Tenant
Marine Law
Personal Injury
Professional Liability
Property Insurance
Transportation Law

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