Top Court Upholds Permanent Ban on Asbestos Firm for Defying OHS Orders



For 8 years, the WCB waged litigation war to compel an asbestos abatement firm to comply with OHS asbestos rules, culminating in a 2019 ruling permanently banning the firm and its owner from operating in the province. Now, in what appears to be the final chapter, the BC Court of Appeal has upheld all of the bans. The only thing the judge got wrong in this complex case, the high court found, was in calculating the legal costs each party owed to the other [Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia v. Seattle Environmental Consulting Ltd., 2020 BCCA 365 (CanLII), December 17, 2020].