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CALLED TO THE BAR OF ONTARIO, 1975

EDUCATION

- LL.B.,Osgoode Hall Law School, 1973
- B.A.,English and Political Science,Carleton University, 1970

PRACTICE AREAS

- Aviation
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental
- Insurance Litigation
- Class Actions
- Government Procurement & Litigation
- Insurance Coverage Counsel

Roderick Winsor is a senior partner and head of Blaneys' Aviation Law Group. He has concentrated on complex and multi-jurisdictional litigation in Canada and the United States involving aviation and marine, technology, product liability, conspiracy and pollution claims acting for claimants, government, insurers, and business.

He has been involved in many high profile aviation and marine cases such as claims arising out of:

- Shooting down of Korean Air Lines 007 by the Soviet Union - acting for the families of all the Canadian victims
- Air India Flight 182 bombing - appointed by the Ontario Supreme Court as one of four lawyers to act on behalf of all families' lawyers with respect to liability
- Air Canada 797 Cincinnati fire - acted for the largest number of claimants including families and survivors
- Ethiopian Airlines Hijacking
- Munich Hijacking
- EgyptAIr Flight 804 crash following fire (bomb alleged but not proven)

Other cases have involved airlines and manufacturers such as:

- Eastern
- Lufthansa

- Air Canada
- Air Transat
- Ethiopian Airlines
- EgyptAir
- Boeing
- BahamasAir
- EagleXpress
- Airbus
- Bombardier
- Hawker Beechcraft
- Teledyne Continental
- Rolls Royce
- Mitsubishi

He has represented families of victims and survivors of various small aircraft crashes.

Rod acted for an international airline in a year-long trial involving allegations of conspiracies relating to bribes to high government officials.

Recognition has included:

- "AV" ranking by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest-ranking possible
- Ranked as a leading litigation lawyer in the 2019 *Lexpert Special Edition – Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers*
- In Best Lawyers® in Canada 2020 for Class Action Litigation and Insurance Law
- Listed in Legal Media Group's Guide to World's Leading Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyers (one of 33 peer-selected Canadian lawyers)
- Recommended in Class Actions and Commercial Insurance by Lexpert

He has also written and lectured widely. He is the co-author of *The Insurance Act of Ontario Annotated*, published by Butterworths. He is the author of *Good Faith in Canadian Insurance Law* published by Canada Law Book and *Implied Obligation of Good Faith in Contract* published by Carswell.

He has published over 30 papers relating to topics such as *Multi-jurisdictional and Mass Tort Litigation, Class Actions, Crown Duty of Care, Regulatory Negligence, Punitive and Compensatory Damages, and Causation*.

Rod is frequently sought out by the media to comment on victim compensation relating to international airline disasters, including most recently:

- Christine Dobby of *The Globe and Mail* interviewed Roderick Winsor on victim compensation regarding the Ukraine International Airlines flight crash in Iran
- George Lagogianes of CP24 (Toronto) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Adam Atkinson of CHCH TV (Hamilton) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 disaster
- Bob Pritchard of 102.9 WhistleFM (Stouffville) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Ann Rohmer of 105.9FM The Region (York Region) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Craig Needles of 980CFPL (London) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Jeff McArthur of AM640 (Toronto) interviews Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Chelsea Bird and Shaye Ganam of 630 CHED (Edmonton) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Aaron Rand of CJAD 800AM (Montreal) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Scott Thompson of AM900 CHML (Hamilton) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Roderick Winsor quoted in National Newswatch on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Wei Chen of CBC Radio interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Ted Woloshyn of NEWSTALK 1010 (Toronto) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Roderick Winsor quoted in the *Toronto Sun* on compensation regarding the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Roderick Winsor quoted in *Lethbridge News Now* on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Roderick Winsor quoted by *Sudbury.com* on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Roderick Winsor quoted by *CKPGToday.com* on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight

752 crash in Iran

- Roderick Winsor quoted in *The Chronicle Journal* on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Roderick Winsor quoted in *Winnipeg Free Press* on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Roderick Winsor quoted in *Winnipeg Sun* on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Roderick Winsor quoted by *Canoe.com* on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- Roderick Winsor quoted in *Times Colonist* on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran

EXPERIENCE

- Completed a year-long trial involving allegations of conspiracies relating to bribes to high government official
- Handled the defence of a large class action against government brought on behalf of special needs children
- Acted for the class in a class action against a Crown Corporation which resulted in substantial changes to how customers are charged for parcel shipping in Canada and the amounts paid
- Resisted the statutory claim by a provincial health insurer to share in the award to a permanently severely injured child against his doctor, contrary to the long established practice

RECOGNITION

- Ranked as a leading litigation lawyer in the 2023 *Lexpert Special Edition – Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers*
- Ranked as a leading litigation lawyer in the 2021 *Lexpert Special Edition – Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers*
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers® in Canada* 2024 for Class Action Litigation, Corporate and Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law
- Av rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Rated by *Lexpert® Canadian Legal Directory* as a Leading Practitioner (repeatedly recommended) in Commercial Insurance Litigation
- Listed in Expert Guides' *Guide to the World's Leading Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyers*

MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- January 20, 2020
  Author, Ukrainian International Airlines Flight 752: What Families Need to Know

IN THE MEDIA

- January 18, 2021
  Blaneys' Partner Roderick Winsor speaks on 105.9 The Region on the FEED hosted by Ann Rohmer about "2 roads" to compensation for families of victims of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash
- January 06, 2021
  Blaneys' Partner Roderick Winsor interviewed by Brad Wisker of 630 CHED (Edmonton) about Recent Developments of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- February 28, 2020
  Roderick Winsor's article on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran appears in Salam Toronto
- February 26, 2020
  Roderick Winsor's article on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran appears in Shahre Ma
- February 19, 2020
  Roozbeh Farhadi of Iranian Television Canada interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 28, 2020
  George Lagogianes of CP24 (Toronto, ON) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 25, 2020
  Bob Pritchard of 102.9 WhistleFM (Stouffville, ON) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 20, 2020
  Craig Needles of 980CFPL (London, ON) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 19, 2020
  Ann Rohmer of 105.9FM The Region (York Region, ON) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran

- January 19, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted by *CKPGToday.com* (Prince George, BC) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 19, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted in *Meadow Lake Now* (Meadow Lake, SK) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
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  Roderick Winsor quoted by *Sudbury.com* (Sudbury, ON) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
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  Roderick Winsor quoted by *Mashviral.com* (Prince Albert, SK) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 19, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted in *Lethbridge News Now* (Lethbridge, AB) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 18, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted in *Times Colonist* (Victoria, BC) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 17, 2020
  Wei Chen of CBC Radio (Toronto, ON) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
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  Roderick Winsor quoted in *Winnipeg Sun* (Winnipeg, MB) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
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  Roderick Winsor quoted by *Canoe.com* (Toronto, ON) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 17, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted in the *Toronto Sun* (Toronto, ON) on compensation regarding the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 17, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted in *Calgary Sun* (Calgary, AB) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 17, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted in *Red Deer Advocate* (Red Deer, AB) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 17, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted in *Winnipeg Free Press* (Winnipeg, MB) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 17, 2020

Roderick Winsor quoted in *North Shore News* (Vancouver, BC) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran

- January 17, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted in *The Chronicle Journal* (Thunder Bay, ON) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
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  Roderick Winsor quoted in National Newswatch on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 17, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted in *The Daily Courier* (Kelowna, BC) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 17, 2020
  Roderick Winsor quoted by *Timminstoday.com* (Timmins, ON) on compensation for families of victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 16, 2020
  Scott Thompson of AM900 CHML (Hamilton, ON) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 14, 2020
  Jeff McArthur of AM640 (Toronto) interviews Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 14, 2020
  Chelsea Bird and Shaye Ganam of 630 CHED (Edmonton) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 14, 2020
  Aaron Rand of CJAD 800AM (Montreal, QC) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 13, 2020
  Christine Dobby of *The Globe and Mail* interviewed Roderick Winsor on victim compensation regarding the Ukraine International Airlines flight crash in Iran
- January 11, 2020
  Ted Woloshyn of NEWSTALK 1010 (Toronto, ON) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 crash in Iran
- January 09, 2020
  Adam Atkinson of CHCH TV (Hamilton, ON) interviewed Roderick Winsor on the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 disaster

RELATED TEXTBOOKS

- December 2007
  Good Faith in Canadian Insurance Law
- 1987