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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

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers® in Canada* 2026 in the area of Cross Action Litigation, Corporate & Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law
- 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* 2025 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 TEXTBOOKS

- December 2007
  Good Faith in Canadian Insurance Law
- 1987
  The Insurance Act of Ontario Annotated