



# **Laurelly Dale**

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#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Child Victims Act + Sexual Misconduct Defense Construction General Liability

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Manitoba, LLB, 2006 The University of Winnipeg, BA, 2003

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

California

### **Overview**

Laurelly is a seasoned litigator with over 18 years of experience, focusing on complex construction defect and general liability matters as well as Child Victims' Act claims. She represents owners, developers, contractors, material suppliers and lower-tiered trades in both residential and commercial construction disputes. Her practice includes defending clients against high-exposure claims, including defect allegations, dewatering issues and risk management concerns.

The Child Victims Act (Act), under CA AB-218, revives historic child sex abuse claims when the statute of limitations has expired. Acting on behalf of those sued under this Act, Laurelly vigorously defends those named as defendants including school districts, YMCA, counties and other not-for profit organizations. In doing so, Laurelly explores all avenues of defense, pursing and successfully achieving summary judgement on behalf of her clients in advance of trial. Through her extensive background in criminal defense, Laurelly additionally works closely with private investigators, insurance archeologists and co-counsel to build an appropriate defense in the best interests of her clients.

Prior to joining MG+M The Law Firm, Laurelly practiced at Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara, LLP, where she litigated construction defect and general liability cases. She also played a key role at Lee, Landrum, LLP, in preparing the firm for a six-month trial involving a complex construction litigation claim alleging over \$25 million in damages against the client for defects due to dewatering.

Earlier in her career, Laurelly served as a criminal staff attorney at the San Francisco Superior Court, drafting rulings and legal memoranda for judicial review.

She also spent 15 years as a sole practitioner in Toronto and Northern Ontario, Canada, handling more than 2,000 criminal cases ranging from minor misdemeanor infractions to complex first-degree murders. Her experience led her to testify before Parliament as a criminal law expert in 2019. In August 2019, The Globe and Mail profiled Laurelly as an important member of the Toronto legal community.

Beyond her legal career, Laurelly is an accomplished marathoner, having

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earned the Six Star Medal by completing all six Abbott World Major Marathons and six Boston Marathons. She is currently training to complete her seventh Boston Marathon in April 2025. She is actively involved in the San Francisco Ballet Auxiliary, serving as Chair of the education and outreach program for students and trainees. Laurelly is fluent in French and conversant in German.

### **Involvement**

- + MG+M Trial Academy, 2025-2026 Participant
- + San Francisco Ballet Auxiliary, Chair, Education and Outreach Program