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Welcome from Vogel LLP

We are pleased to share the Winter 2017 Edition of "The Vogel Insider" with you. In this edition, you can find information about our recent successful cases, Vogel LLP lawyer spotlights, interesting articles related to our industry and highlights of our work in the community.

An Inspirational Life and a Phenomenal Recovery



Recently, Mike Vogel and Emily Gajda had the opportunity to work with a truly inspiring client. Donald Churches came to Vogel LLP after having been involved in a serious motor vehicle accident in early 2016. At the time of the accident, Donald was 92 years old.

It quickly became apparent to both Mike and Emily that Donald has lived an amazing life. He was born in 1923 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Growing up, Donald enjoyed playing sports and spending time with his schoolmates. Shortly after he finished high school, World War II broke out. Donald immediately volunteered with the Canadian Air Force, where he completed pilot training and was awarded his wings. He recounts the first time he flew alone in an aircraft as an exciting (and perhaps slightly terrifying!) experience for someone who had never been off the ground. Donald eventually became a navigator for the Canadian Air Force, where he was in charge of directing aircrafts to their targets and ensuring their safe return back to base.

After the war ended, Donald returned to Winnipeg, where he got married, had a family and pursued a career as an Accountant. Donald and his family eventually relocated to Calgary after

a job transfer. In Calgary, Donald became a vital member of the war-veteran community and could often be found at community events and parties.



On February 2, 2016, Donald was walking towards the entrance of a coffee shop when he was hit by a vehicle pulling out of the drive-through. Donald was violently knocked to the ground and the vehicle drove over him, breaking both of his legs. Immediately after the accident, Donald was rushed to the emergency room at the Foothills Medical Centre, where he was assessed for serious injuries. In the days following the accident, he received multiple surgical procedures and was ultimately

confined to the hospital for several months. Upon his discharge from the hospital, Donald was admitted to Carewest Glenmore Park, where he continued to receive treatment for his injuries. He finally returned home in July 2016, some 5 months after the accident.

Throughout his prolonged hospitalization, Donald kept a positive attitude, making friends with other patients and staff on his unit. His ability to remain upbeat and positive during such a trying time is a testament to his character and perseverance.

Amazingly, Donald has maintained his positive outlook on life throughout his recovery. Donald's phenomenal recovery over the past year has been inspiring to watch. He is now able to walk with a walker and has resumed some of his pre-accident activities, including reading, completing puzzles and being outdoors. Moreover, Donald has continued to attend war-veteran social gatherings, where he remains the life of the party.

Fortunately, Vogel LLP was able to bring Donald's personal injury matter to settlement within a matter of months. Donald and his family are planning on using some of the settlement funds

to continue Donald's treatment and modify their home to suit his post-accident needs.

In honour of Donald, Vogel LLP made a donation to Carewest Glenmore Park for their amazing work. Emily, Mike and all of the staff at Vogel LLP wish Donald well in his continued recovery.



Donald Churches attending his 93rd birthday party

Golf! Golf! Golf!

Lawyer Spotlight: Johnny Pak



*Top:
Our very own Vic Vogel, Q.C.
meeting Mike Weir!*

*Bottom:
Mike Vogel and Andy Hayher
were happy to check out
our sponsored hole at the
McKinley Masters / ARBI
Charity Classic this summer.*



extensive experience acting both for and against insurers to assist plaintiffs successfully advance their claims to resolution or trial.

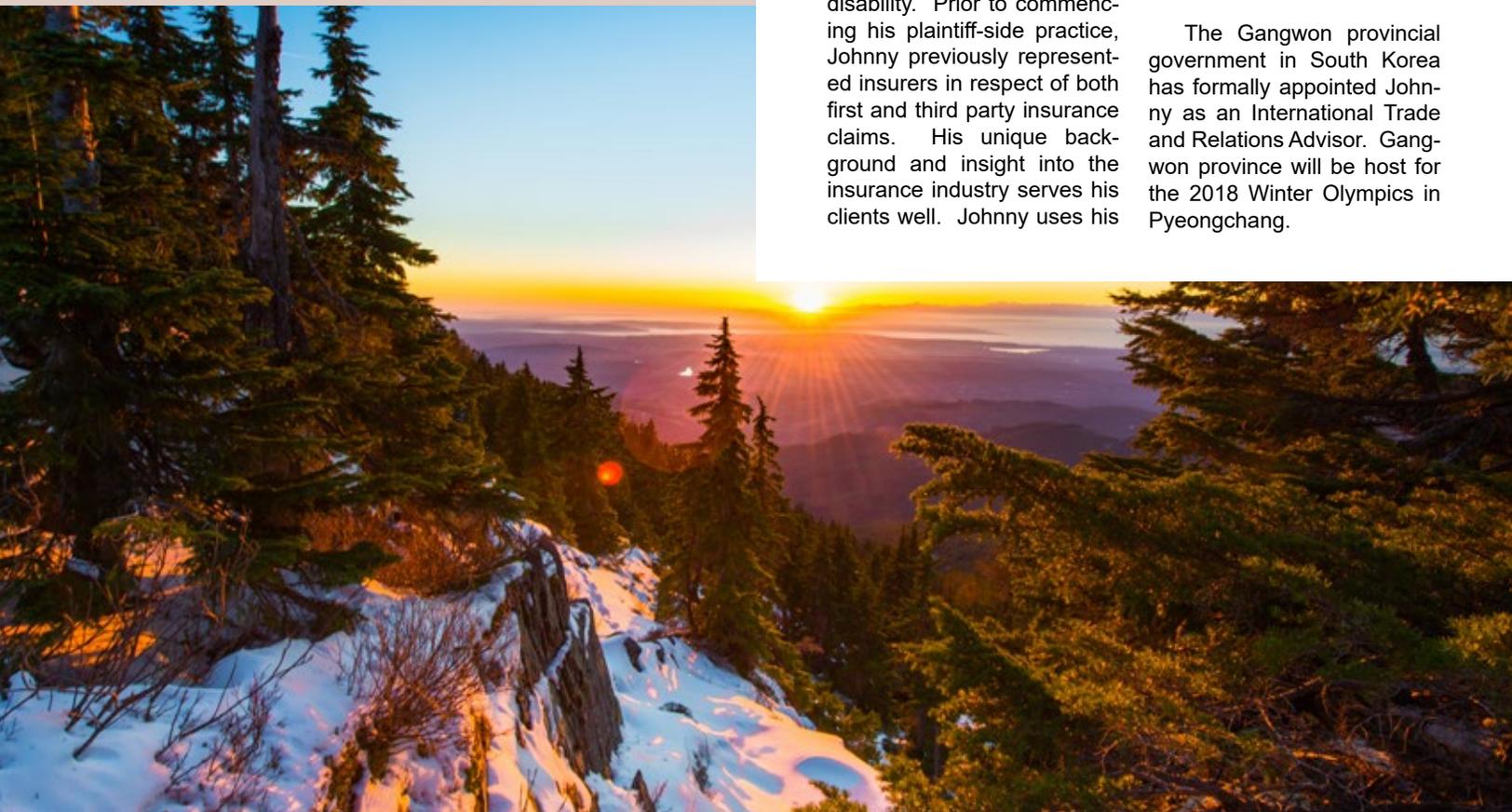
In addition to his injury and insurance related experience, Johnny articulated and previously practiced at a national/international law firm. In this regard, he acted as counsel for a variety of clientele including national and multinational corporations in a wide range of contractual and commercial disputes.

Johnny Pak is an experienced litigator having appeared before all levels of courts in the province of Alberta. His focus is on serious and catastrophic injury litigation (including motor vehicle accidents), professional malpractice, and insurance and risk management.

Johnny currently sits on the Executive of the Canadian Bar Association's Personal Injury Subsection. He has taught and evaluated oral advocacy for the Alberta Bar Admission Program (CPLD) for several years. He has also lectured or presented in numerous areas of the law before various groups.

Johnny's significant injury litigation experience includes claims for fatality, brain injury, spinal cord injury, fractures, chronic pain, psychological injury, temporomandibular joint dysfunction, and related disability. Prior to commencing his plaintiff-side practice, Johnny previously represented insurers in respect of both first and third party insurance claims. His unique background and insight into the insurance industry serves his clients well. Johnny uses his

The Gangwon provincial government in South Korea has formally appointed Johnny as an International Trade and Relations Advisor. Gangwon province will be host for the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang.



New Partners Andy Hayher & Johnny Pak

Vogel LLP is pleased to announce that lawyers Andy Hayher and Johnny Pak have been named as new Partners effective January 1, 2017.



Andy practices Family Law, successfully appearing in all levels of Court in Alberta including the Court of Appeal. Andy is a member of the International Bar Association, with experience in family disputes involving abductions, custody, spousal support and visitation rights outside of Canada.



Johnny is an experienced litigator, practicing Personal Injury Law with a focus on serious and catastrophic injuries. He joined Vogel LLP in 2015.

Recent Renovations



2016 was a big year for Vogel LLP as we expanded and extensively renovated our office, adding a magnificent new Boardroom as well as a new area for our Personal Injury department.



Client Testimonial

I got introduced to Andy during extremely tough and critical times of my life. The legal advice, recommendations and the service I have received and still do are outstanding. Andy was always there to be the sounding voice when decisions were hard to make or when the situation was too overwhelming.

My son and I wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for all the support and professional service we got. Our best interests and safety were always the priority.

This was not a straightforward case and I needed a lawyer who would not only be professionally committed but also believe in it, and I couldn't have been in better hands. - L.K.



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