



**YOUR ACCESS
TO JUSTICE**

DAS Business in action

for Architecture Firms

Can your business afford a legal dispute?

Your architecture firm faces a variety of legal risks on a daily basis. From hiring and firing staff to disputes with suppliers and clients, a legal issue can quickly arise, resulting in substantial losses to your firm.

A DAS Business Legal Expense Insurance policy fills the gaps in your existing commercial insurance coverage and:

- Protects your firm from costly legal expenses
- Empowers you to defend or pursue your legal rights
- Provides you with unlimited access to general legal advice at any time

Did you know?

\$414

is the average hourly rate of
an experienced lawyer¹

73%

of business owners believe a legal issue would
have a tangible impact on their finances²

\$15,000

is the potential cost of a
two-day civil trial¹

**A DAS Business policy gives you confidence and allows you to focus on what matters most
– managing and growing your firm.**

¹ Canadian Lawyer's Legal Fees Survey, April 2018

² www.das.ca/accesstojustice



How will DAS Business protect and empower you?



Employment Disputes

Seval, an architecture firm owner, dismisses an employee from work after he regularly shows up late for client meetings and provides poor client service. The former employee commences a wrongful dismissal action and alleges discrimination.

DAS will assign a lawyer to the case and cover legal costs to defend Seval.



Contract Disputes and Debt Recovery

(optional coverage)

Shannon completes a house design for a client who then refuses to pay, alleging the design was not what they expected. Despite attempts at negotiation and evidence confirming Shannon had considered the client's wants and needs, her calls are not returned.

DAS will assign a lawyer to commence an action to recover the money owed to Shannon's firm.



Bodily Injury

Jackie, a project manager, is on her way to visit a client when she trips and falls due to an unsafe city sidewalk. As a result, she suffers back injuries that impact her professional and personal life.

DAS will appoint a lawyer to represent Jackie to bring legal action against the city.

Legal Defence

Daniel, a project coordinator, gets into a heated exchange with a sub-contractor on the job site. The next day, the police show up at Daniel's office to investigate an alleged assault.

DAS will appoint a lawyer to defend Daniel during the investigation and against any charges laid.

Property Protection

The owner of a building adjacent to Li's office starts major exterior renovations. For three consecutive mornings, Li finds equipment and scaffolding blocking her entrance, negatively impacting her staff and client visits.

DAS will appoint a lawyer to rectify the issue on Li's behalf.

Tax Protection

Don, the owner of an architecture firm, receives a letter from the CRA advising him of an audit of his business expenses and demanding an on-site review of his records.

DAS will provide Don with legal tax advice and cover legal costs after the first \$500.



Legal Advice Helpline

DAS Business offers unlimited access to a general Legal Advice Helpline to discuss any legal matter, even if it is not covered by the policy. The Legal Advice Helpline is available from 8 AM to 12 AM (local time), 7 days a week. In an emergency, your call will always be answered.