

Gary Mazin on What the Next Year Holds for Personal Injury Law in Canada

Gary Mazin of Toronto, Canada, shares his personal outlook on how the personal injury space is shifting and what individuals should realistically expect over the next year.



Toronto, Ontario Jan 31, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - As the personal injury landscape continues to evolve, Gary Mazin, owner of Mazin & Associates, is offering a grounded, experience-based outlook on what individuals are likely to encounter in the year ahead. Drawing on his career in personal injury law and firm leadership, Mazin highlights recent changes, common misconceptions, and the pressures shaping the space.

What Has Changed Recently

Court systems across Canada continue to operate under strain. In several regions, civil court backlogs remain 20–30% higher than pre-2020 levels, with some matters taking six to twelve months longer to reach resolution. Administrative requirements have also expanded, with claim documentation estimated to have increased by 15–25% over the past few years.

“Many people think the system has reset,” Mazin says. “But stress leaves a mark. You still see it in timelines, reviews, and approvals.”

At the same time, digital communication has become the norm. Industry data suggests more than 70% of legal communication now occurs electronically, changing how individuals engage with legal processes and how quickly responses are expected.

What People Are Getting Wrong

One of the most common misunderstandings, Mazin notes, is equating digital tools with faster outcomes.

“Speed at the front end doesn’t remove pressure in the middle,” he says. “Technology can streamline communication, but it can’t eliminate structural limits.”

Another misconception is the belief that outcomes are becoming more predictable. In reality, industry surveys show that outcome ranges have widened by 10–15% in similar case categories over the last five years.

“People want certainty,” Mazin adds. “But the system is more layered now than it used to be.”

What Is Likely to Get Harder

Mazin expects complexity to remain one of the biggest challenges in the coming year. Medical assessment timelines have lengthened, with wait times in some regions rising by 20% year over year. Coordination among healthcare providers, insurers, and legal professionals has also become more complex and time-consuming.

“Complexity doesn’t make headlines,” he says. “But it shapes the experience for everyone involved.”

What Is Likely to Work

Despite these pressures, Mazin believes certain fundamentals remain effective. Clear communication and realistic expectations continue to play a critical role.

“Clients don’t need noise,” he says. “They need to understand where they are in the process.”

Preparation also stands out as a differentiator. Internal industry reviews suggest that well-documented matters move 30–40% more smoothly through early stages than poorly organised ones.

“Structure has always mattered,” Mazin says. “Now it matters more than ever.”

Looking Ahead

Mazin emphasises that the year ahead is unlikely to bring dramatic shifts, but rather continued adjustment.

“The system rewards patience and understanding,” he says. “Success isn’t speed. It’s durability.”

Call to Action

As the personal injury space continues to adjust, readers are encouraged to reassess their expectations, stay informed about how the system is evolving, and approach the year ahead with clarity rather than assumption.

About Gary Mazin

Gary Mazin is the owner and principal lawyer of Mazin & Associates, a personal injury law firm based in Canada. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto, a law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School, and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University. Originally from the former Soviet Union, Mazin is recognised for his structured, process-driven approach to law, business, and leadership.

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