



**BENCHMARK
LITIGATION**
CANADA AWARDS 2023

THE
SHORTLIST

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

THE OMNI KING EDWARD HOTEL, TORONTO

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REGIONAL AWARDS SHORTLIST

ALBERTA FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones
Blake Cassels & Graydon
Borden Ladner Gervais
Burnet Duckworth & Palmer
JSS Barristers
Lawson Lundell

ALBERTA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Grant Vogeli, Lawson Lundell
Munaf Mohamed, Bennett Jones
Jeffrey Sharpe, Burnet Duckworth & Palmer
David Tupper, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Michael Donaldson, Lawson Lundell

ATLANTICS FIRM OF THE YEAR

McInnes Cooper
Stewart McKelvey
Washington & Mahody
Patterson Law

ATLANTICS LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michelle Awad, McInnes Cooper
William Mahody, Washington & Mahody
Colin Piercey, Stewart McKelvey
Jason W.J. Woycheshyn, Stewart McKelvey

BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRM OF THE YEAR

Farris
Fasken
Harper Grey
Lawson Lundell
McEwan Partners
Nathanson Schachter & Thompson

BRITISH COLUMBIA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Andrew Nathanson, Fasken
Michael Feder, McCarthy Tétrault
Ludmila Herbst, Farris
Claire Hunter, Hunter Litigation Chambers
Kenneth McEwan, McEwan Partners
Peter Senkpiel, Nathanson Schachter & Thompson

MANITOBA FIRM OF THE YEAR

Fillmore Riley
Hill Sokalski Walsh
MLT Aikins

MANITOBA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Bernice Bowley, Fillmore Riley
Thor Hansell, MLT Aikins
Dave Hill, Hill Sokalski Walsh

ONTARIO FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Lax O'Sullivan Lissus Gottlieb
Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein
Stockwoods
Torys

ONTARIO LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Crawford Smith, Lax O'Sullivan Lissus Gottlieb
Melanie Baird, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Monique Jilesen, Lenczner Slaght
Chantelle Cseh, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Linda Fuerst, Norton Rose Fulbright

QUÉBEC FIRM OF THE YEAR

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
IMK
McCarthy Tétrault
LCM
Stikeman Elliott
Woods

QUÉBEC LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Audrey Boctor, IMK
Claude Marseille, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Sophie Melchers, Norton Rose Fulbright
Éric Mongeau, Stikeman Elliott
Mathieu Piché-Messier, Borden Ladner Gervais
Patrick Ouellet, Woods

SASKATCHEWAN FIRM OF THE YEAR

MLT Aikins
McDougall Gauley
Miller Thomson

SASKATCHEWAN LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Douglas Hodson, MLT Aikins
Deron Kuski, MLT Aikins
Murray Sawatzky, McDougall Gauley

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SPECIAL HONOR AWARDS SHORTLIST

EMERGING TALENT - ALBERTA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Jonathan Selnes, Lawson Lundell
Ryan Phillips, JSS Barristers
Loni da Costa, Borden Ladner Gervais
Robert Martz, Burnet Duckworth & Palmer

EMERGING TALENT - ATLANTICS LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Ian Dunbar, McInnes Cooper
Michael Blades, Pink Larkin
Sandra McCulloch, Patterson Law

EMERGING TALENT - BRITISH COLUMBIA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Laésha Smith, Poulus Ensom
Owais Ahmed, Harper Grey
Jonathan Buysen, Stikeman Elliott
Julia Lockhart, Nathanson Schachter &
Thompson

EMERGING TALENT - MANITOBA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

John Martens, MLT Aikins
Kevin Toyne, Hill Sokalski Walsh

EMERGING TALENT - QUÉBÉC LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Myriam Brixi, Lavery
Eric Bedard, Woods
Emmanuelle Demers, Novalex
David Ethier, IMK

EMERGING TALENT - ONTARIO LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Eric Brousseau, Ross Nasser
Julia Wilkes, Adair Goldblatt Bieber
Andrew Max, Polley Faith
Sinziana Hennig, Stikeman Elliott

EMERGING TALENT - SASKATCHEWAN LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Pereira, Robertson Stromberg
Nicholas Cann, McKercher

TRIAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Gerald Chan, Stockwoods
Crawford Smith, Lax O'Sullivan Liss Gottlieb
Ken McEwan, McEwan Partners
Patrick Ouellet, Woods
Sophie Melchers, Norton Rose Fulbright

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ABORIGINAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Borden Ladner Gervais
Fasken
Gowling WLG
Lawson Lundell
Waddell Phillips

ABORIGINAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Nadir André, Borden Ladner Gervais
Keith Bergner, Lawson Lundell
John Phillips, Waddell Phillips
Tracy Pratt, Fasken

ARBITRATION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Borden Ladner Gervais
Fasken
Norton Rose Fulbright
Woods

ARBITRATION LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Robert Deane, Borden Ladner Gervais
Stephen Drymer, Woods
Angus Gunn, Eyford Partners
Joe McArthur, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Laura Cundari, Blake Cassels & Graydon

CLASS ACTION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones
Blake Cassels & Graydon
Borden Ladner Gervais
Fasken
Stikeman Elliott
Torys

CLASS ACTION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Brad Dixon, Borden Ladner Gervais
Vincent de L'Etoile, Langlois
Michael Eizenga, Bennett Jones
Yves Martineau, Stikeman Elliott
Gord McKee, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Gillian Dingle, Torys

BOUTIQUE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Adair Goldblatt Bieber
Chernos Flaherty Svonkin
McEwan Partners
Polley Faith
Ross Nasser
Stockwoods
Tyr LLP

COMPETITION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb
McCarthy Tétrault
Stikeman Elliott
Torys

COMPETITION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Sandra Forbes, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Randall Hofley, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Katherine Kay, Stikeman Elliott
David Kent, McMillan
Linda Plumpton, Torys
Caitlin Sainsbury, Borden Ladner Gervais
Emrys Davis, Bennett Jones

CONSTRUCTION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones
Borden Ladner Gervais
Glaholt Bowles
Harper Grey
Singleton Reynolds Urquhart Vogel

CONSTRUCTION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Matthew Lindsay, Rose
Jeffrey Vallis, Borden Ladner Gervais
Sharon Vogel, Singleton Reynolds Urquhart Vogel
Howard Wise, Goodmans
Daniel Schwartz, Thornton Grout Finnigan

ENERGY/RESOURCES FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones
Blake Cassels & Graydon
Borden Ladner Gervais
Fasken
Lawson Lundell
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt

ENERGY/RESOURCES LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michael Donaldson, Lawson Lundell
Maureen Killoran, Osler Hoskin & Harcourt
Alan Mark, Goodmans
Blair Yorke-Slader, Bennett Jones

INSOLVENCY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt
Stikeman Elliott
Thornton Grout Finnigan

INSOLVENCY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Kibben Jackson, Fasken
Jason Wadden, Tyr LLP
Mary Buttery, Osler Hoskin & Harcourt
Pamela Huff, Blake Cassels & Graydon
DJ Miller, Thornton Grout Finnigan
Matthew Gottlieb, Lax O'Sullivan Lax Gottlieb

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INSURANCE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Clyde & Co
Borden Ladner Gervais
Fasken
Guild Yule
Harper Grey
Stikeman Elliott

INSURANCE LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Éric Azran, Stikeman Elliott
David Bishop, Gowling WLG
Nigel Trevethan, Harper Grey
David Tupper, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Michael Parrish, Fasken

IP FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Bereskin & Parr
Goodmans
McCarthy Tétrault
Smart & Biggar
Torys

IP LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Andrew Brodtkin, Goodmans
Peter Wilcox, Belmore Neidrauer
François Guay, Smart & Biggar
Melanie Baird, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Steve Mason, McCarthy Tétrault

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Borden Ladner Gervais
Fasken
Langlois
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein
Torys

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Marie-Helene Jette, Langlois
Randy Kaardal, Hunter Litigation Chambers
Eleni Kassaris, Dentons
Michael Korbin, Farris Vaughan Wills & Murphy
Lindsay Scott, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein

HEALTH LAW/MEDICAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

Borden Ladner Gervais
Gowling WLG
Harper Grey
McCarthy Tétrault

HEALTH LAW/MEDICAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Cynthia Clarke, Borden Ladner Gervais
Kim Jakeman, Harper Grey
Steeves Bujold, McCarthy Tétrault
Megan Shortreed, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein

PLAINTIFF FIRM OF THE YEAR

Kalloghian Myers
Koskie Minsky
Kugler Kandestin
Roy O'Connor
Trudel Johnston Lesperance
Waddell Phillips

PLAINTIFF LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Angela Bespflug, Murphy Battista
Luciana Brasil, Branch MacMaster
Robert Kugler, KuglerKandestin
André Lespérance, Trudel Johnston Lespérance
David O'Connor, Roy O'Connor
James Sayce, Koskie Minsky
John Phillips, Waddell Phillips

PRODUCT LIABILITY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Borden Ladner Gervais
Fasken
McMillan
McCarthy Tétrault
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt
Torys

PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Teresa Dufort, McMillan
Gordon McKee, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Peter Pliszka, Fasken
Emmanuelle Poupert, McCarthy Tétrault
Sylvie Rodrigue, Torys
Hugh Desbrisay, DMG Advocates

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SECURITIES FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones
Blake Cassels & Graydon
Crawley MacKewn Brush
McCarthy Tétrault
Stikeman Elliott
Torys

SECURITIES LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Sean Boyle, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Shane D'Souza, McCarthy Tétrault
Gillian Dingle, Torys
David Di Paolo, Borden Ladner Gervais
Patrick Sullivan, Whitelaw Twining
Teresa Tomchak, Farris
Linda Fuerst, Norton Rose Fulbright

WHITE-COLLAR CRIME/ENFORCEMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Fasken
Henein Hutchison Robitaille
McCarthy Tétrault
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein
Stockwoods

WHITE-COLLAR CRIME/ENFORCEMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Gerald Chan, Stockwoods
Alexandra Luchenko, Blake Cassels &
Graydon
Mark Morrison, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Leon Moubayed, Davies Ward Phillips &
Vineberg
Joven Narwal, Narwal Litigation
Andrew Nathanson, Fasken
Linda Fuerst, Norton Rose Fulbright