



**BENCHMARK  
LITIGATION**  
CANADA AWARDS 2023

WINNERS

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

THE OMNI KING EDWARD HOTEL, TORONTO

## BENCHMARK LITIGATION CANADA AWARDS 2023 WINNERS

### REGIONAL AWARDS WINNERS

#### 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

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

#### 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  
Claire Hunter, Hunter Litigation Chambers  
Kenneth McEwan, McEwan Partners  
Ludmila Herbst, Farris  
Michael Feder, McCarthy Tétrault  
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  
Dave Hill, Hill Sokalski Walsh  
Thor Hansell, MLT Aikins

#### ONTARIO FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

#### ONTARIO LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Crawford Smith, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus 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  
LCM  
McCarthy Tétrault  
Stikeman Elliott  
Woods

#### QUÉBEC LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

#### SASKATCHEWAN FIRM OF THE YEAR

MLT Aikins  
McDougall Gauley  
Miller Thomson

#### SASKATCHEWAN LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

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### SPECIAL HONOR AWARDS WINNERS

#### EMERGING TALENT - ALBERTA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

#### 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

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

#### EMERGING TALENT - MANITOBA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

John Martens, MLT Aikins  
Kevin Toyne, Hill Sokalski Walsh

#### EMERGING TALENT - QUÉBÉC LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

#### EMERGING TALENT - ONTARIO LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

#### EMERGING TALENT - SASKATCHEWAN LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Pereira, Robertson Stromberg  
Nicholas Cann, McKercher

#### TRIAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Crawford Smith, Lax O'Sullivan Lissus Gottlieb  
Gerald Chan, Stockwoods  
Ken McEwan, McEwan Partners  
Sophie Melchers, Norton Rose Fulbright

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### REGIONAL AWARDS WINNERS

#### 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

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

#### BOUTIQUE FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

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

#### COMPETITION FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

#### COMPETITION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

#### CONSTRUCTION FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

#### CONSTRUCTION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

#### 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

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

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#### 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

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

#### INSURANCE FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

#### INSURANCE LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

#### IP FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

#### IP LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Andrew Brodtkin, Goodmans  
François Guay, Smart & Biggar  
Peter Wilcox, Belmore Neidrauer  
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  
Torys

#### LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

#### 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  
Megan Shortreed, Paliare Roland  
Steeves Bujold, McCarthy Tétrault

#### 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 Bessflug, 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



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#### 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

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

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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

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

#### WHITE-COLLAR CRIME/ENFORCEMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

#### WHITE-COLLAR CRIME/ENFORCEMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

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## HALL OF FAME

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BRIAN GOVER  
Stockwoods



### Hall of Fame

BRUCE REYNOLDS  
Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel



### Hall of Fame

GRANT VOGELI  
Lawson Lundell



### Hall of Fame

JOHN PHILLIPS  
Waddell Phillips



### Hall of Fame

LINDA FUERST  
Norton Rose Fulbright

## BENCHMARK LITIGATION CANADA AWARDS 2023 WINNERS

### IMPACT CASE WINNERS

*Boliden Mineral AB v. FQM Kevitsa Sweden Holdings AB*

LAX O'SULLIVAN LISUS GOTTLIEB

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*Commissioner of Competition v. Rogers Communications et al*

LAX O'SULLIVAN LISUS GOTTLIEB  
DAVIES WARD PHILLIPS & VINEBERG  
BENNETT JONES

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*Fareed Pirani et al v. Haider Pirani et al.*

BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS

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*Fresco v. CIBC*

ROY O'CONNOR

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*Gottfriedson v. His Majesty the King in Right of Canada*

WADDELL PHILLIPS

*Ontario Securities Commission v. Eric Paul, et al*

STOCKWOODS

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*Regina v. Craig James*

FASKEN

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*Remington Development Corporation v.  
Canadian Pacific Railway Company*

LAWSON LUNDELL

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*Turpin v. TD Asset Management*

McCARTHY TÉTRAULT