



BENCHMARK
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AWARDS 2024
WINNERS

Wednesday, May 8

Liberty Grand
Entertainment Complex
Toronto

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

ALBERTA FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRM OF THE YEAR

Farris

Fasken

Lawson Lundell
McEwan Partners
Nathanson Schachter & Thompson
Poulus Ensom Smith

ONTARIO FIRM OF THE YEAR

Goodmans

Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb
Lenczner Slaght
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein
Stockwoods
Torys

ALBERTA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Kinji Bouchier, Fasken
Craig Dennis, **Dennis James Aitken**
Kenneth McEwan, McEwan Partners
Claire Hunter, Hunter Litigation Chambers
Peter Senkpiel, Nathanson Schachter & Thompson
Jill Yates, McCarthy Tétrault

ONTARIO LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Chantelle Cseh, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Monique Jilesen, Lenczner Slaght
Eliot Kolers, Stikeman Elliott
Jonathan Lisus, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb
Linda Plumpton, **Torys**

ATLANTICS FIRM OF THE YEAR

McInnes Cooper

Patterson Law
Stewart McKelvey
Washington & Mahody

MANITOBA FIRM OF THE YEAR

Fillmore Riley
Hill Sokalski Walsh
MLT Aikins

QUÉBEC FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

ATLANTICS LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michelle Awad, McInnes Cooper
William Mahody, Washington & Mahody
Colin Piercey, **Stewart McKelvey**
Jason Woychesyn, Stewart McKelvey

MANITOBA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

QUÉBEC LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Audrey Boctor, IMK
Cara Cameron, Woods
Jean-Philippe Groleau, Davies Ward
Phillips & Vineberg
Yves Martineau, Stikeman Elliott
Sophie Melchers, Norton Rose Fulbright
Mathieu Piché-Messier, Borden Ladner
Gervais

SASKATCHEWAN FIRM OF THE YEAR

McDougall Gauley
Miller Thomson
MLT Aikins

SASKATCHEWAN LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

ABORIGINAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Borden Ladner Gervais
Gowling WLG
Lawson Lundell
Miller Titerle
Waddell Phillips

ARBITRATION FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

CLASS ACTION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones
Blake Cassels & Graydon
Borden Ladner Gervais
Fasken
McCarthy Tétrault
Torys

ABORIGINAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Keith Bergner, Lawson Lundell
John Phillips, Waddell Phillips
Tracy Pratt, Fasken
Joelle Walker, Miller Titerle

ARBITRATION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

CLASS ACTION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Gillian Dingle, Torys
Brad Dixon, Borden Ladner Gervais
Vincent de L'Etoile, Langlois
Yves Martineau, Stikeman Elliott
Gord McKee, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Cheryl Woodin, Bennett Jones
Jill Yates, McCarthy Tétrault

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

COMPETITION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
McCarthy Tétrault
Stikeman Elliott
Torys

COMPETITION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Emrys Davis, Bennett Jones
Randall Hofley, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Nikiforos Iatrou, **McCarthy Tétrault**
Katherine Kay, Stikeman Elliott
David Kent, McMillan
Linda Plumpton, Torys
Caitlin Sainsbury, Borden Ladner Gervais

CONSTRUCTION FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

CONSTRUCTION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Patricia Morrison, **Borden Ladner Gervais**
Daniel Schwartz, Thornton Grout
Finnigan
Sharon Vogel, Singleton Reynolds
Urquhart Vogel
Howard Wise, Goodmans

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**
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

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

INSURANCE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Borden Ladner Gervais
Clyde & Co
Gowling WLG
Guild Yule
Harper Grey
Stikeman Elliott

INSURANCE LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bereskin & Parr
Goodmans
McCarthy Tétrault
Smart & Biggar
Torys

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Melanie Baird, Tyr LLP
Andrew Brodtkin, **Goodmans**
Steven Garland, Smart & Biggar
Steve Mason, McCarthy Tétrault
Peter Wilcox, Belmore Neidrauer

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Hicks Morley
Harris
Langlois
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

HEALTH LAW/MEDICAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

Borden Ladner Gervais
Gowling WLG
Harper Grey
McCarthy Tétrault
McIntyre Szabo

HEALTH LAW/MEDICAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

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

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

SECURITIES FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

SECURITIES LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Sean Boyle, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Gillian Dingle, Torys
Shane D'Souza, McCarthy Tétrault
Laésha Smith, Poulus Ensom Smith
Patrick Sullivan, Whitelaw Twining

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

Alexandra Luchenko, Blake Cassels &
Graydon
Mark Morrison, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Leon Moubayed, Davies Ward Phillips
& Vineberg
Joven Narwal, Narwal Litigation
John Pirie, Baker McKenzie

PLAINTIFF FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

PLAINTIFF LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Angela Besspflug, Murphy Battista

Luciana Brasil, Branch MacMaster

Robert Kugler, KuglerKandestin

André Lespérance, Trudel Johnston
Lespérance

David O'Connor, Roy O'Connor

John Phillips, Waddell Phillips

James Sayce, Koskie Minsky

LITIGATION BOUTIQUE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Adair Goldblatt Bieber

Allen McMillan

Polley Faith

Poulus Ensom Smith

Ross Nasserri

Tyr LLP

TRIAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Sarit Batner, McCarthy Tétrault

Jonathan Lisus, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus

Gottlieb

Ken McEwan, McEwan Partners

Sophie Melchers, Norton Rose Fulbright

Linda Plumpton, Torys

EMERGING TALENT

Stephen Aylward, Stockwoods

Arden Beddoes, Beddoes

Emmanuelle Demers, Bennett Jones

Malcolm Funt, Bojm Funt Gibbons

EMERGING TALENT

Jesse Gardner, Singleton Urquhart

Reynolds Vogel

Kelly Ann Maw, Poulus Ensom Smith

EMERGING TALENT

Corey Omer, Davies Ward Phillips &
Vineberg

Jonathan Selnes, Lawson Lundell

HALL OF FAME AWARDS

HALL OF FAME

François Guay, Smart &
Biggar

HALL OF FAME

Ken McEwan, McEwan

HALL OF FAME

Stephen Drymer, Woods

HALL OF FAME

Peter Roy, Roy O'Connor

IMPACT CASE AWARDS

*Aroma Espresso Bar Canada Inc. Et Al.
v. Aroma Franchise Company, Inc. at al.*
Baker McKenzie

*Canada (Privacy Commissioner) v.
Facebook, Inc.*
McCarthy Tétrault

Greeneng Holdings v. British Columbia
Beddoes

Re: Soleiman Faqiri
Stockwoods

*Wiener Städtische Versicherung AG
Vienna Insurance Group v. Infrassure
Ltd.*
Torys

Steele and Smith v. The City of Leduc
Burnet Duckworth & Palmer

*TotalEnergies EP Canada Ltd. v. Suncor
Energy Inc. et al.*
Blake Cassels & Graydon and
Stikeman Elliott

Allard v. Allard
Farris