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Adrian is developing a broad commercial litigation practice. Adrian's areas of focus include:

- Securities, competition, and product liability class actions
- Shareholder/partnership disputes, including oppression claims
- Judicial review applications
- Regulatory investigations and prosecutions

Adrian acts for individuals, public and private companies, financial institutions, healthcare institutions and public bodies. He has acted on matters before commercial arbitrators, the Ontario Court of Justice, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (including the Commercial List), the Divisional Court, and the Ontario Court of Appeal. He has also worked on class actions matters before the Federal Court and in British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Adrian summered and articulated at BLG's Toronto office. While Adrian was in law school, he won numerous academic awards, served as executive editor of the *McGill Law Journal* and volunteered as a student advocate at McGill's Legal Information Clinic.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Divisional Court affirms high degree of deference to public school-board decisions", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "TCDSB v. OECTA: School board not liable for public statements made by trustee", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal provides guidance on 'risk of harm' claims and common issues test", BLG Article, April 2024
- Co-Author, "[Claims Against Class Action Administrators: Court Reviews Leave Requirement](#)", OBA, March 2024
- Author, "B.C. introduces Bill 12: sweeping health care cost recovery legislation", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "[Shareholder Voting Injunctions in Canada](#)," Canadian Bar Review 237, 2023
- Author, "Appeal Court provides guidance on non-compliance with Mareva orders", BLG Article, July 2023
- Co-Author, "[Court Decertifies 'Phantom Class' Following Extensive Opt-Outs: Navartnarajah v. FSB Group Ltd.](#)," OBA, June 2023
- Author, "Ontario's Divisional Court confirms regulatory rules do not create fiduciary duties", BLG Article, April 2022
- Co-Author, "[Fresco v. CIBC: Ontario Court Of Appeal Decision Offers Guidance. Leaves Open Questions.](#)" OBA, March 2022
- Author, "Why a recent ETF class action may prompt reform to the Ontario Securities Act", BLG Article, October 2021
- Author, "Court decision raises risk of securities class actions for companies receiving whistleblower report", BLG Article, November 2020
- Author, "[Reforming Section 89 of the Indian Act: Tinker, Waiver, Soldier \(On\), Sigh?](#)", Lakehead Law Journal (Vol. 4, Issue1), November 202
- Co-Author, "Cross-Border Discovery in Canadian & American Antitrust Litigation," *ABA Antitrust Section Global Private Litigation Bulletin*, February 2020
- Author, "The Reform Act, 2014: A Critical Analysis," *Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law* 177, 2017.

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Executive Member, Ontario Bar Association, Class Actions Section
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Bar Association

### Community Involvement

- Volunteer, Pro Bono Ontario Hotline
- Volunteer and Student Advocate, Legal Information Clinic at McGill (2016-2018)

## Awards & Recognition

- Recipient of the Principal David L. Johnston Medal in 2019 for distinguished academic standing and outstanding contribution to the McGill Faculty of Law in the areas of academic, social and community life.

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2020
- LLB/BCL, McGill University, 2019
- MA, University of Toronto, 2015
- BA, University of Cambridge, 2014

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