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Class Actions Disputes

Rachael has a broad litigation practice focusing on class actions and complex commercial litigation. She has experience advising both plaintiffs and defendants on a wide range of matters, including contractual and shareholder disputes, tort, and systemic negligence.

Rachael has appeared before the trial and appeal courts of Ontario, including the Class Action and Commercial Lists, and at both levels of the Federal Court of Canada.

Rachael was a varsity athlete through all four years of her undergraduate degree, competing for the Varsity Blues Womens' basketball team. Prior to joining BLG, Rachael articled and practiced at a top litigation boutique in Toronto.

Experience

- Counsel to successful respondents/appellants-by-cross-appeal. Trial decision finding conspiracy, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract upheld, and cross-appeal on damages granted, resulting in an increase in the disgorgement of profit award from US\$12.33M to US\$29.5M.
- Counsel to representative plaintiffs in successful certification of systemic negligence action against RCMP regarding alleged bullying, harassment and discrimination. Certification upheld on appeal.
- Counsel for successful motion to compel cross-examination of discovery affiant.

Insights Rollup

- Author, "B.C. legislature signals major shift to consumer protection legislation", BLG Article, March 2025
- Author, "British Columbia class actions 2024 year in review", BLG Article, February 2025

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2025
- Ontario, 2018
- HBA (with High Distinction), University of Toronto, 2014
- JD, University of Toronto, 2017

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