

Automotive

SUMMARY

BLG's Automotive Group is a cross-disciplinary team of professionals contributing expertise in legal and regulatory areas of the auto and motorized recreational products industries. Our decades of experience serving auto and parts manufacturers, distributors, dealers and financial institutions provides our clients with innovative and effective solutions. The Automotive Group provides services for all related areas including litigation and dispute resolution, financial services, corporate commercial, securities, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, labour and employment, bankruptcy and insolvency, environmental and IT and IP.

BLG provides one stop shopping for our auto industry clients. We tailor our teams to provide cost-effective, responsive and efficient legal advice. Our professionals have a history of finding effective solutions through their collective knowledge of the industry and the law.

Our mission is delivering the best possible client service. To achieve this we anticipate clients' needs and ensure the right professionals are assigned to cases. We also conduct client consultations which support our commitment to the delivery of service excellence.

PUBLICATIONS

- Brad Hallowell (Articling Student), "[Prioritizing Safety: The New U.S. Federal Guidelines for Automated Driving Systems](#)", September 2017
- "[Wind-Downs, Retainers and Releases: The Ontario Court of Appeal Decision in Trillium Motor World](#)", July 2017
- "[UK seeks to Legislate Liability for Autonomous Vehicles](#)", March 2017
- "[Are Insurance Companies Ready for Autonomous Vehicles?](#)", December 2016
- "[Autonomous Vehicles](#)", July 2016
- "[More food for thought: Court releases new decision on deductible, interest rates and waiving mediation privilege](#)", June 2016

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- *Chartrand v. General Motors Corporation* – Obtained dismissal of an application for certification of a proposed class action against General Motors of Canada Limited.
- *Koubi v. Mazda Canada and others* – Acted for the defendant distributor and its dealers in obtaining a reversal on appeal of a certification order, on the basis that the alleged breaches of consumer protection and sales of good legislation could not form the basis of a claim in restitution/waiver of tort.
- Handled commercial disputes, dealer litigation (including NADAP arbitrations) and product liability defence.
- Worked to resolve customs and shipping disputes and assist in the negotiation of insurance coverage.
- Negotiated employment and labour disputes and injunctions as well as construction and building disputes.
- Assisted in managing issues of corporate structure and compliance.

- Assisted clients with various aspects of intellectual property from patents and trademarks to trade secrets and brand protection.
- Assisted clients in environmental audits and de-commissioning manufacturing facilities.

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