

Corporate Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

SUMMARY

Business disputes arise from time to time. Resolving them is our business. BLG is one of Canada's leading dispute resolution firms with a strong tradition of excellence in commercial litigation and arbitration. Our lawyers begin by developing an understanding of your business and strategic objectives, in order to work with you to develop solutions to prevent or resolve disputes in an effective and cost-sensitive way. Whether your business is local, national or international, we know that disputes can be disruptive to your business, divert you away from your core business, and result in unwanted costs. When disputes escalate into litigation or arbitration proceedings, you can count on us to aggressively represent your interests, protect your position, and pursue the remedies that are most appropriate to the case.

Our litigators are experienced in the civil and criminal courts across Canada, both federal and provincial, as well as in the Supreme Court of Canada and before virtually all regulatory and administrative tribunals. Our arbitration lawyers are experienced in arbitrations administered by all of the leading international and foreign arbitral institutions including the ICC, LCIA, SCC, ICDR, ICSID, AAA, SIAC and others, and are well-versed in all forms of domestic commercial arbitration proceedings.

Our dispute lawyers are experienced in all areas of business law, including corporate and commercial law, class actions, shareholders' disputes, officer and director liability, commercial fraud, banking, securities, bankruptcy and insolvency, real estate, intellectual property, estates and trusts, franchise and distribution disputes, administrative and public law, procurement and international trade. We are also experienced in all major industries including automotive, banking and financial services, natural resources (mining, oil & gas), power generation, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and technology. Ten of our trial lawyers are Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of whom who recently served as its President. Our litigators are highly ranked in all of the leading national and international ranking publications including *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Martindale-Hubbell®*, *Who's Who Legal: Canada*, *The Best Lawyers in Canada®*, *Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*, *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory*, and *Benchmark Canada – The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys*. Our dispute lawyers teach courses at the leading Canadian law schools and regularly speak at continuing legal education conferences and industry events as experts on dispute resolution topics.

Clients regularly call on our dispute lawyers to make representations before judicial inquiries, governmental and parliamentary bodies, and to formulate legislative and regulatory proposals and policies.

Clients benefit from our exceptional document management and litigation support services. We will apply the most appropriate services to ensure the efficient and cost-effective management of your case. For example, we may recommend the use of advanced early case assessment and other eDiscovery applications, and other tools to assist in the management of document intensive cases. We will work with you to provide easy access to the assembled information, with a view to facilitating our joint assessment and consideration of the optimal strategy. Our lawyers are supported by law clerks with experience in the provision of first-class document management and litigation support.

PUBLICATIONS

- ["Enhanced Fact-Finding Powers Used to Grant Summary Judgment in Fraud Claim,"](#) October 2018.
- ["Three BLG partners recognized at 2018 Lexpert® Zenith Awards,"](#) June 2018.
- ["A rejection of Charter values as a framework on judicial review?,"](#) June 2017.
- ["Top 10 Legal Risks for Business in 2017,"](#) January 2017.
- ["Ontario Court of Appeal Upholds Law Society's Decision to Deny Accreditation to Trinity Western University,"](#) June 2016.
- ["Facebook defamation case awards significant damages,"](#) April 2016.
- ["Court Rejects the Position that "Factual Matrix" Should be Considered in Consumer Protection Case,"](#) April 2016.
- ["Amendments Expressly Ban Judicial Disclosure of Information Exchange Between Financial Institutions and OFSI,"](#) February 2016.
- ["BLG Launches New Litigation Blog for Financial Institutions — "The Exchange","](#) February 2016.
- ["Back to Business \(Almost\) As Usual: Changes to Canadian Economic Sanctions Against Iran,"](#) February 2016.
- ["Court affirms deferring jurisdiction to Legislatively established specialized tribunals,"](#) February 2016.

OUR APPROACH

- Business-oriented problem solving: We will approach your case in a practical, business-oriented manner. Business disputes require effective strategic planning, budgeting and implementation. We will work for you — and with you — in solving the problem. Clients value our strategic thinking and commitment to excellence and teamwork.
- Results-driven: Whatever area of law, industry, type of litigation or representation required, we focus at the outset on understanding your strategic objectives and on understanding your business and industry. The collective know-how of the Group is then mobilized to respond rapidly, efficiently and effectively to your needs. An initial risk assessment is conducted in order to develop a winning strategy focused on optimal results and cost control.
- Innovative advice: We will recommend mediation or arbitration instead of litigation if it better suits your needs and interests. Many of our lawyers are experienced in the field of alternative dispute resolution as advisors, advocates, mediators or arbitrators.
- Responsive and energetic: Our ability to aggressively implement strategies is particularly well-suited to urgent remedies such as injunctions, asset-preservation orders and seizures before judgment. Our dispute lawyers have pioneered innovative remedies to promote and protect our clients' interests.

RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

The Corporate Commercial Litigation and Arbitration Group or its members are recognized in:

- The 2019 *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business.*
- The 2019 *Legal 500 Canada.*

- The 2019 *Best Lawyers in Canada*[®].
- The 2018 (and since 2017) *Lexpert*[®]/*American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*.
- The 2018 (and since 2017) *Canadian Legal Lexpert*[®] *Directory*.
- The 2018 *Chambers Global — The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*.
- The 2018 *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys*.
- The 2016 *Benchmark Canada Awards*, for Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year.
- Ranked #1 choice in Canada among clients for bet-the-company litigation, according to the 2015 *Acritas Sharplegal* survey.