



BENCHMARK
LITIGATION
CANADA

AWARDS 2025

WINNERS

Thursday, May 8

The Ritz-Carlton
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

Dennis Dawson James Aitken
Farris
Fasken
Lawson Lundell
McEwan Partners
Nathanson Schachter & Thompson
Poulus Ensom & Smith

ONTARIO FIRM OF THE YEAR

Goodmans
Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein
Stockwoods
Torys
Tyr LLP

ALBERTA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michael Donaldson, Lawson Lundell
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 Dawson James
Aitken**
Claire Hunter, Hunter Litigation
Chambers
Kenneth McEwan, McEwan Partners
Peter Senkpiel, Crabtree + Senkpiel
Litigation
Jill Yates, McCarthy Tétrault

ONTARIO LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Chantelle Cseh, Davies Ward Phillips &
Vineberg
Eliot Kolers, **Stikeman Elliott**
Orestes Pasparakis, Norton Rose
Fulbright
Linda Plumptre, Torys
Crawford Smith, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus
Gottlieb

ATLANTICS FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cox & Palmer
McInnes Cooper
Stewart McKelvey

MANITOBA FIRM OF THE YEAR

Fillmore Riley
Hill Sokalski
Marr Finlayson Pollock
MLT Aikins

QUÉBEC FIRM OF THE YEAR

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
McCarthy Tétrault
LCM
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

Michael Finlayson, **Marr Finlayson
Pollock**
Thor Hansell, MLT Aikins
Dave Hill, Hill Sokalski

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

QUÉBEC LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Myriam Brixi, Lavery
Cara Cameron, Woods
Jean-Philippe Groleau, Davies Ward
Phillips & Vineberg
Sophie Melchers, Norton Rose
Fulbright
Eric Mongeau, Stikeman Elliott

SASKATCHEWAN FIRM OF THE YEAR

MLT Aikins
McDougall Gauley
Miller Thomson

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
Fasken
Gowling WLG
JFK Law
Miller Titerle
Lawson Lundell

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
Bridget Gilbride, Fasken
Andrew Lokan, **Paliare Roland**
Rosenberg Rothstein
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

Vincent de L'Etoile, **Langlois**
Brad Dixon, Borden Ladner Gervais
Yves Martineau, Stikeman Elliott
Gord McKee, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Anne Merminod, Torys
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

ENERGY/RESOURCES FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones
Blake Cassels & Graydon
Burnet Duckworth & Palmer
Fasken
Lawson Lundell
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt

INSURANCE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang
Borden Ladner Gervais
Clyde & Co
Guild Yule
Harper Grey
Stikeman Elliott

COMPETITION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Chantelle Cseh, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Emrys Davis, Bennett Jones
Randall Hofley, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Nikiforos Iatrou, McCarthy Tétrault
Eliot Kolers, Stikeman Elliott
Caitlin Sainsbury, Borden Ladner Gervais

ENERGY/RESOURCES LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michael Donaldson, Lawson Lundell
Maureen Killoran, Osler Hoskin & Harcourt
Michael Mestinsek, Stikeman Elliott
Blair Yorke-Slader, Bennett Jones

INSURANCE LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Hovsep Afarian, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus
Gottlieb
Alan D'Silva, Stikeman Elliott
Nigel Trevethan, Harper Grey
David Tupper, Blake Cassels & Graydon

CONSTRUCTION FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

INSOLVENCY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt
Stikeman Elliott
Thornton Grout Finnigan

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Fineberg Ramamoorthy
Goodmans
Gowling WLG
McCarthy Tétrault
Torys
Tyr LLP

CONSTRUCTION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

INSOLVENCY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Andrew Brodtkin, Goodmans
Melanie Baird, Tyr LLP
Steve Mason, McCarthy Tétrault
Peter Wilcox, Belmore Neidrauer

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Borden Ladner Gervais

Harris
Hicks Morley
Langlois
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein
Miller Thomson

PRODUCT LIABILITY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Borden Ladner Gervais
Fasken
McMillan
McCarthy Tétrault
Torys

WHITE COLLAR CRIME/ ENFORCEMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Blake Cassels & Graydon
Fasken
Henein Hutchison Robitaille
McCarthy Tétrault
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein
Stockwoods

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Lindsay Lorimer, McMillan
Gordon McKee, Blake Cassels &
Graydon
Peter Pliszka, Fasken
Emmanuelle Poupart, McCarthy
Tétrault
Sylvie Rodrigue, Torys

WHITE COLLAR CRIME/ ENFORCEMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Frank Addario, Addario Law
Nader Hasan, Stockwoods
Alexandra Luchenko, Blake Cassels &
Graydon
Mark Morrison, Blake Cassels &
Graydon
Leon Moubayed, Davies Ward Phillips
& Vineberg
Joven Narwal, Narwal Litigation
John Pirie, Baker McKenzie

HEALTH LAW/MEDICAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

Borden Ladner Gervais
Harper Grey
McCarthy Tétrault
McIntyre Szabo
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein
Stockwoods

SECURITIES FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

PLAINTIFF FIRM OF THE YEAR

Kalloghian Myers
Koskie Minsky
Kugler Kandestin
Roy O'Connor
Slater Vecchio
Trudel Johnston Lesperance

HEALTH LAW/MEDICAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Steeves Bujold, McCarthy Tétrault
Patrick Hawkins, Borden Ladner
Gervais
Kim Jakeman, Harper Grey
Megan Shortreed, Paliare Roland
Rosenberg Rothstein
Jessica Szabo, McIntyre Szabo

SECURITIES LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Sean Boyle, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Gillian Dingle, Torys
David Di Paolo, Borden Ladner Gervais
Shane D'Souza, McCarthy Tétrault
Laésa Smith, Poulus Ensom Smith
Teresa Tomchak, Osler Hoskin &
Harcourt

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

PLAINTIFF LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Angela Bessflug, Murphy Battista
André Lespérance, Trudel Johnston
Lespérance
David O'Connor, Roy O'Connor
James Sayce, Koskie Minsky
Saro Turner, Slater Vecchio
Margaret Waddell, Sotos

LITIGATION BOUTIQUE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Adair Goldblatt Bieber
Allen McMillan
Poulus Ensom Smith
Ross Nasser
Tyr LLP

TRIAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Sarit Batner, McCarthy Tétrault
Jonathan Liss, Lax O'Sullivan Liss
Gottlieb
Ken McEwan, McEwan Partners
Sophie Melchers, Norton Rose
Fulbright
Linda Plumptre, Torys

EMERGING TALENT AWARDS

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Andrew Max,
Addario Law Group

EMERGING TALENT

Jean-Philippe Mathieu,
McCarthy Tétrault

EMERGING TALENT

Kyle Thompson,
Poulus Ensom Smith

EMERGING TALENT

Avi Bourassa, Ross Nasser

EMERGING TALENT

John Mather, DMG Advocates

EMERGING TALENT

Tom Posyniak, Fasken

EMERGING TALENT

Brendan MacArthur Stevens,
Blake Cassels & Graydon

EMERGING TALENT

Julia Wilkes,
Adair Goldblatt Bieber

EMERGING TALENT

Zain Naqi, Lax O'Sullivan
Liss Gottlieb

HALL OF FAME AWARDS

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Alan D'Silva, Stikeman Elliott

HALL OF FAME

Craig Ferris, Lawson Lundell

HALL OF FAME

Robin McFee, Sugden McFee & Roos

HALL OF FAME

Carsten Jensen, JSS Barristers

HALL OF FAME

Dave Hill, Hill Sokalski

HALL OF FAME

Sharon Vogel, Singleton Urquhart
Reynolds Vogel

IMPACT CASE AWARDS

*Impact Case Award - Bombardier inc.
c. Honeywell International*
McCarthy Tétrault, Stikeman Elliott

*Impact Case Award - Dickson
v. Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation*
Fasken

*Impact Case Award - Poonian v. British
Columbia (Securities Commission)*
Lawson Lundell

*Impact Case Award - CCDM Holdings
c. Airport Authority of India*
Borden Ladner Gervais

*Impact Case Award - LaFontaine et al.
v. The Government of Manitoba*
Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb

*Impact Case Award - R.
v. Umar Zameer*
Stockwoods

*Impact Case Award - Cormark
Securities Inc (Re)*
Borden Ladner Gervais, Crawley
MacKewn Brush, Davies Ward
Phillips & Vineberg

*Impact Case Award - Lilleyman
v. Bumble Bee Foods LLC*
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg,
Stikeman Elliott

*Impact Case Award - Reference re
An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit
and Métis children, youth and families*
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein