



BENCHMARK
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AWARDS 2026
SHORTLIST

Thursday, May 7

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Toronto

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

ALBERTA FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones
Blake Cassels & Graydon
Borden Ladner Gervais
Burnet Duckworth & Palmer
JSS Barristers
Lawson Lundell

ALBERTA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michael Donaldson, Lawson Lundell
Munaf Mohamed, Bennett Jones
Kara Smyth, McCarthy Tétrault
Jeffrey Sharpe, Burnet Duckworth & Palmer
David Tupper, Blake Cassels & Graydon

ATLANTICS FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cox & Palmer
McInnes Cooper
Pink Larkin
Stewart McKelvey

ATLANTICS LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michelle Awad, McInnes Cooper
William Mahody, Washington & Mahody
Sacha Morriset, Stewart McKelvey
Michael Scott, Patterson Law
Nathan Sutherland, Pink Larkin

BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Tracey Cohen, Fasken
Craig Dennis, Dennis Dawson James Aitken
Craig Ferris, Lawson Lundell
Ludmila Herbst, Farris
Claire Hunter, Hunter Litigation Chambers
Kenneth McEwan, McEwan Partners
Jill Yates, McCarthy Tétrault

MANITOBA FIRM OF THE YEAR

Fillmore Riley
Hill Sokalski
Marr Finlayson Pollock
MLT Aikins

MANITOBA LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michael Finlayson, Marr Finlayson Pollock
Thor Hansell, MLT Aikins
Dave Hill, Hill Sokalski
Jamie Kagan, Thompson Dorfman
Sweatman

ONTARIO FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

ONTARIO LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Rahool Agarwal, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus
Gottlieb
Eliot Kolers, Stikeman Elliott
Nader Hasan, Stockwoods
Jeremy Opolsky, Torys
James Renihan, Norton Rose Fulbright
Derek Ricci, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg

QUÉBEC FIRM OF THE YEAR

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
McCarthy Tétrault
Langlois
Lavery
LCM
Stikeman Elliott
Woods

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

QUÉBEC LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Myriam Brix, Lavery
Marie-Louise Delisle, Woods
Mason Poplaw, McCarthy Tétrault
Sophie Melchers, Norton Rose
Fulbright
Léon Moubayed, Davies Ward Phillips
& Vineberg
Frédéric Paré, Stikeman Elliott

SASKATCHEWAN FIRM OF THE YEAR

MLT Aikins
McDougall Gauley
Miller Thomson

SASKATCHEWAN LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Deron Kuski, MLT Aikins
Murray Sawatzky, McDougall Gauley
Scott Spencer, Miller Thomson

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

ABORIGINAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Fasken
JFK Law
Lawson Lundell
McCarthy Tétrault
Miller Titerle
Phillips Barristers

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
Stikeman Elliott
Torys

ABORIGINAL LAW LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Keith Bergner, Lawson Lundell
Bridget Gilbride, Fasken
Andrew Lokan, Paliare Roland
Rosenberg Rothstein
David Rosenberg, Rosenberg Law
Joelle Walker, Miller Titerle

ARBITRATION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Laura Cundari, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Robert Deane, Borden Ladner Gervais
Stephen Drymer, Woods
Joe McArthur, Blake Cassels & Graydon

CLASS ACTION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Vincent de L'Étoile, Langlois
Michele Maniago, Borden Ladner Gervais
Anne Merminod, Torys
Odette Soriano, Paliare Roland
Rosenberg Rothstein
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

Adair Goldblatt Bieber
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
Danielle Royal, Stikeman Elliott
Caitlin Sainsbury, Borden Ladner Gervais

ENERGY/RESOURCES LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Michael Donaldson, Lawson Lundell
Maureen Killoran, Osler Hoskin & Harcourt
Andrew Pozzobon, Borden Ladner Gervais
Blair Yorke-Slader, Bennett Jones

INSURANCE LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Hovsep Afarian, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb
Éric Azran, Stikeman Elliott
Gord McGuire, Adair Goldblatt Bieber
Luke Dineley, Borden Ladner Gervais
Nigel Trevethan, Harper Grey

CONSTRUCTION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Borden Ladner Gervais
Glaholt Bowles
Singleton Reynolds Urquhart Vogel
Torkin Manes
WeirFoulds

INSOLVENCY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Bennett Jones
Blake Cassels & Graydon
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Fasken
Stikeman Elliott
Thornton Grout Finnigan

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Fineberg Ramamoorthy
Goodmans
Gowling WLG
McCarthy Tétrault
Smart & Biggar
Tyr LLP

CONSTRUCTION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Glenn Ackerley, WeirFoulds
Moya Graham, McCarthy Tétrault
Patricia Morrison, Borden Ladner Gervais
Daniel Schwartz, Thornton Grout Finnigan
Sharon Vogel, Singleton Reynolds Urquhart Vogel

INSOLVENCY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Bernard Boucher, LCM
Mary Buttery, Osler Hoskin & Harcourt
Kibben Jackson, Fasken
DJ Miller, Thornton Grout Finnigan
William Roberts, Lawson Lundell
Jason Wadden, Tyr LLP

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Andrew Brodtkin, Goodmans
Melanie Baird, Tyr LLP
Jean-Sebastien Dupont, Smart & Biggar
Steve Mason, McCarthy Tétrault
Andrew Skodyn, Cassels Brock

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

Borden Ladner Gervais
Carbert Waite
Harris
Hicks Morley
McLennan Ross
Miller Thomson
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Marie-Hélène Jetté, Langlois
Michael Korbin, Farris Vaughan Wills & Murphy
Sacha Morriset, Stewart McKelvey
Lindsay Scott, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein
Robert Sider, Lawson Lundell

HEALTH LAW/MEDICAL FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

HEALTH LAW/MEDICAL LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

PRODUCT LIABILITY FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Lindsay Lorimer, McMillan
Gordon McKee, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Anne Merminod, Torys
Peter Pliszka, Fasken
Deborah Templer, McCarthy Tétrault

SECURITIES FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

SECURITIES LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Simon Bieber, Adair Goldblatt Bieber
Sean Boyle, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Robert Brush, Crawley MacKewn Brush
Gillian Dingle, Torys
David Di Paolo, Borden Ladner Gervais
Shane D'Souza, McCarthy Tétrault
Joseph Groia, Groia & Co
Laésha Smith, Poulus Ensom Smith

WHITE COLLAR CRIME/ ENFORCEMENT FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

WHITE COLLAR CRIME/ ENFORCEMENT LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

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

PLAINTIFF FIRM OF THE YEAR

Koskie Minsky
Roy O'Connor
Siskinds
Sotos
Slater Vecchio
Strosberg Wingfield Sasso
Trudel Johnston & Lespérance

PRACTICE AREA AWARDS

PLAINTIFF LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Angela Bespflug, Murphy Battista
André Lespérance, Trudel Johnston
Lespérance
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James Sayce, Koskie Minsky
Saro Turner, Slater Vecchio
Marg Waddell, Sotos

LITIGATION BOUTIQUE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Adair Goldblatt Bieber
Allen McMillan
Babin Bessner Spry
Poulus Ensom Smith
Ross Nasser
Tyr LLP
Woods

TRIAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Sarit Batner, McCarthy Tétrault
Jonathan Lisus, Lax O'Sullivan Lisus
Gottlieb
Ken McEwan, McEwan Partners
Munaf Mohamed, Bennett Jones
Sophie Melchers, Norton Rose
Fulbright
Linda Plumptre, Torys
Marg Waddell, Sotos

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