



BENCHMARK
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AWARDS 2026
WINNERS

Thursday, May 7

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

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 Brixi, 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

Michelle Maniago, Borden Ladner Gervais

Anne Merminod, Torys

**Odette Soriano, Paliare Roland
Rosenberg Rothstein**

Michael Vathilakis, Renno Vathilakis

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

COMPETITION LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Chantelle Cseh, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Emrys Davis, Bennett Jones
David Gadsden, Baker McKenzie
Randall Hofley, Blake Cassels & Graydon
Nikiforos Iatrou, McCarthy Tétrault
Danielle Royal, Stikeman Elliott
Caitlin Sainsbury, Borden Ladner Gervais

CONSTRUCTION FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

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 Urquhart Reynolds Vogel

ENERGY/RESOURCES FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

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

INSOLVENCY FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

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

INSURANCE FIRM OF THE YEAR

Adair Goldblatt Bieber
Borden Ladner Gervais
Clyde & Co
Guild Yule
Harper Grey
Stikeman Elliott

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

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FIRM OF THE YEAR

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

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Andrew Brodtkin, Goodmans
Melanie Baird, Tyr LLP
Jean-Sébastien 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, Torys

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
Orr Taylor
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
David O'Connor, Roy O'Connor
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 Nasserri
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 Plumpton, Torys
Marg Waddell, Sotos

EMERGING TALENT AWARDS

EMERGING TALENT

Carlo di Carlo, Stockwoods

EMERGING TALENT

Sebastian Pyzik, Woods

EMERGING TALENT

Gabriel Querry, Langlois

EMERGING TALENT

James Little, Singleton Urquhart
Reynolds Vogel

EMERGING TALENT

Kevin Smith, Farris

EMERGING TALENT

Alixandra Stoicheff, Lawson Lundell

EMERGING TALENT

Andrew Pozzobon, Borden Ladner
Gervais

EMERGING TALENT

Kaitlyn Meyer, Allen McMillan

HALL OF FAME AWARDS

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Paul Pape, Pape Chaudhury

HALL OF FAME

Margaret Waddell, Sotos

HALL OF FAME

Edward Babin, Babin Bessner Spry

HALL OF FAME

Linda Rothstein, Paliare Roland
Rosenberg Rothstein

HALL OF FAME

Alistair Crawley, Crawley MacKewn
Brush

IMPACT CASE AWARDS

CHU v. Caridi

Baker McKenzie

Lundin Mining Corp v. Markowich

Strosberg Wingfield Sasso, Groia & Co.

Re Hudson's Bay Company

Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb,
Thornton Grout Finnigan, Torys,
Tyr LLP

Cowichan Tribes v. Canada

Rosenberg Law

Métis National Council Secretariat Inc. v. Chartier

Bennett Jones, McCarthy Tétrault,
Norton Rose Fulbright,
Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb

The Cash Store Financial Services Inc. (1511419 Ontario Inc.) v. KPMG LLP

Fasken

Egale Canada Human Rights Trust v. Alberta

McCarthy Tétrault

Quadrangle v. AG Canada

Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb,
Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein