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Expertise
Dispute Resolution

Bar Admissions
Ontario, 2017

Chenyang provides practical and client-oriented legal advice with a high degree of business acumen.

His commercial litigation practice focuses on high-stakes, complex matters for large Canadian and multinational corporations. Highly responsive and able to quickly synthesize intricate matters to identify the core issues, he delivers excellent counsel to his clients in commercial disputes, class actions, product liability and negligence matters and more.

Prior to joining Davies, he served as a judicial law clerk for Justices Juriansz, Pardu, Paciocco, and Nordheimer at the Court of Appeal for Ontario. He clerked on cases that involved both criminal and civil law issues.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

Acting for Maple Leaf Foods Inc., as well as several current and former executives of the company, in complex litigation pending before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against Grupo Bimbo S.A.B. de C.V. and Canada Bread Company, Ltd. involving claims of more than C\$2.2 billion arising from the 2014 sale of Canada Bread to Grupo Bimbo, as well as allegations concerning price-fixing in the bread industry in Canada.

Riot Platforms Inc.

Acted for Riot Platforms Inc., a Bitcoin mining and digital infrastructure company, in connection with its successful application to the Capital Markets Tribunal of Ontario to cease trade the 15% trigger poison pill adopted by Bitfarms Ltd., a Toronto-based bitcoin mining company, in response to Riot's unsolicited strategic pursuit of Bitfarms and shareholder meeting requisition. This decision was named one of the top 10 business decisions of 2024 by *Law360 Canada*.

Continental Casualty Company

Successfully defended Continental Casualty Company (CNA) in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in a class action in which billions of dollars of claims were asserted by or on behalf of thousands of businesses throughout Canada for business interruption coverage arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. This matter was decided by a Justice of the Commercial List in early June 2023 in favour of CNA and other insurers following a multi-week common issues trial. This is the first case to determine authoritatively at trial in Canada that the SARS-CoV-2 virus does not cause "physical loss or damage to property", and that mere loss of use of property resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic does not trigger coverage under ordinary commercial property insurance policies. This decision was named one of the top 10 business decisions of 2024 by *Law360 Canada*.

Google LLC

Defending Google LLC and Google Canada Corporation in an application launched by the Commissioner of Competition before the Competition Tribunal in late November 2024 concerning allegations of abuse of dominance in the

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digital display advertising technology, or "ad tech", industry. In the application, the Commissioner seeks, among other things, an order requiring Google to divest significant assets as well as potentially compelling the payment by both companies of administrative monetary penalties of up to 3% of their worldwide gross revenues.

Keurig Canada Inc.

Acted for Keurig Canada Inc. in a follow-on class action brought relating to advertisements of the recyclability of single-serve, single-use plastic beverage capsules known as K-Cup pods.

Hydro One Inc.

Acted for Hydro One Inc. in the defence of a high-profile employment-related claim advanced in the context of governance changes at Hydro One following the 2018 Ontario Provincial Government election.

Vale Canada Limited

Acting for Vale Canada Limited in a proceeding before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) involving claims for damages by Vale of more than \$650 million in connection with alleged breaches by Solway Group, an Eastern European mining company, of various royalty agreements relating to a nickel mining project in Guatemala.

James MacDonald

Acted for Mr. James S.A. MacDonald before the Supreme Court of Canada in an appeal concerning the difference between speculation and hedging, and the tax treatment applicable to gains or losses arising from derivative transactions.

Respondent

Acted for a client in an Ontario Securities Commission enforcement investigation and enforcement proceeding against Solar Income Fund Inc. and various individuals. The investigation and enforcement proceeding related to multiple alleged breaches of the *Securities Act* (Ontario) in connection with an exempt market fund, including misleading investors, misrepresenting financial positions and fraud.

RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch—Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Law360 Canada—Top 4 and 6 Business Decisions (2024)

Chambers Canada Award—Litigation Firm of the Year (2018)

Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business—Litigation, General Commercial Department: Ontario (Band 1 for firm)

INSIGHTS

Capital Markets Tribunal Establishes New Framework for Evaluating Poison Pills
Nov. 21, 2024

Following the Money: *Emergencies Act* Invoked to Expand Anti-Money Laundering Rules

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Appeal Allowed – MDS Inc. v. Factory Mutual Insurance Company: Ambiguity in Insurance Contracts and the Meaning of “Physical Damage”, co-author
Oct. 29, 2021

COVID-19: Material Adverse Change and Material Adverse Effect
Mar. 23, 2020

EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario, JD (with Distinction), 2016

Ivey Business School, University of Western Ontario, HBA, 2010