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Expertise

Dispute Resolution

Bar Admissions

Québec, 2005

Julie is a partner in the Dispute Resolution practice.

Having gained significant trial and appellate experience over the years, Julie advises a wide range of clients on a variety of commercial litigation matters, with a focus on class action defence. Julie applies her creative, yet efficient, approach to complex litigation matters. Clients also turn to Julie for her strategic thinking and strong advocacy skills.

Julie is a member of our Talent Management, Professional Development and Workplace Harassment Prevention committees, and our Diversity & Inclusion Council.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Canadian Malartic GP

Acting for Canadian Malartic GP in a class action based on alleged neighbourhood annoyances related to the operations of the largest open-pit gold mine in Canada.

Canadian Malartic GP

Acting for Canadian Malartic GP in connection with an injunction application alleging breach of various environmental standards.

Confidential Client

Acted successfully for a Québec-based gas retailer in connection with criminal charges laid by the Competition Bureau for alleged price-fixing and related class actions. Davies has succeeded in obtaining a stay of the criminal proceedings against its client based on a breach of its constitutional rights.

Giant Tiger Stores Limited

Acting for Giant Tiger Stores Limited in its defence of multiple class proceedings commenced across Canada (including Ontario, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, Québec and the Federal Court) relating to alleged price-fixing of commercial bread products in Canada at the wholesale and retail levels.

Aéroports de Montréal

Acting for Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) as intervenor in a construction dispute between Bombardier Inc. (Bombardier) and Axor Group Inc. (Axor) relating to allegations of faulty performance of a "turnkey" contract. Axor designed and built an aircraft hangar for Bombardier on land leased by ADM. Bombardier alleges that Axor failed to connect certain waste water drains, located at the bottom of the Hangar's recovery gutters, to the underground recovery tank. This would have resulted in contaminated water being discharged into the soils of the land on which the Hangar is located.

Canadian Malartic GP

Acting for Canadian Malartic GP, an impleaded party in an application for judicial review to obtain the annulment of a governmental decree.

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Geneviève Simard, Amélie-Frédérique Gagnon, Gail Kelly and Anna Prchal

Representing Amélie-Frédérique Gagnon, Gail Kelly, Anna Prchal and Geneviève Simard, who were among the victims of former ski coach Bertrand Charest. He was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison on charges related to the sexual assault of athletes. Davies is acting on a pro bono basis.

Giant Tiger

Acting for Giant Tiger in defence of a class action in Québec for alleged “greenwashing”, or misleading environmental claims, of recyclable bags.

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers Canada: Canada’s Leading Lawyers for Business—Litigation, General Commercial: Québec

Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada’s Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys—40 and Under List; Future Star

The Legal 500 Canada—Dispute Resolution: Québec (Next Generation Partner)

Canadian Lawyer Magazine—Canada’s Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers: Changemakers (2019)

Lexpert Zenith Award—Celebrating Change Agents in Law (2019)

Lexpert Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40

Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Class Actions; Litigation: Corporate Commercial

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Alternative Dispute Resolution; Class Action Litigation; Corporate and Commercial Litigation

INSIGHTS

Changes to Québec’s Consumer Protection Regime: Monetary Administrative Penalties and Increased Penal Fines

Jan. 14, 2025

Co-chair, The Advocates' Society, Colloque sur les techniques de plaidoirie; Montréal, QC

June 06, 2024

Barreau du Québec, Les développements récents en droit de la concurrence 2024, “Comment rédiger et négocier des clauses de non-concurrence efficaces et raisonnables?”; Webcast

May 17, 2024

The Advocates Society, Symposium for Women in Litigation; Montréal, QC

Nov. 28, 2023

Barreau du Québec, National Conference on Class Actions, “ESG-related class actions: A new wave of class action on the horizon?”; Montréal, QC

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Nov. 22, 2023

Panelist, Option consommateurs roundtable, "Class Actions: How to make them more effective and optimize the benefits"; Montréal, QC

May 04, 2023

Western Ontario University, Western Law's Distinguished Speaker Series, "Helping survivors make Canadian sports safer"; Webinar

Nov. 19, 2020

Barreau du Québec, National Conference on Class Actions 2020, "Annual Review of the Jurisprudence from Québec"; Webinar

Oct. 22, 2020

Can the State Be Held Liable for Neighbourhood Disturbances?

June 17, 2020

Foreign Public Issuers Take Note: Québec Court Dismisses Securities Class Action for Lack of Jurisdiction

Apr. 22, 2020

EDUCATION

Université de Montréal, LLB, 2002

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Advocates' Society

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

BAnQ, Ombudsman

The Advocates' Society, Québec Advisory Committee

The Advocates' Society, Board of Directors