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Expertise

Dispute Resolution

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1991

Québec, 1981

For more than four decades, clients have turned to George for his expertise in complex commercial litigation.

George advises public and private companies on extraordinary remedies, debt recovery, the enforcement of foreign arbitration awards and judgments, sovereign immunity claims, shareholder rights and oppression remedies and contractual disputes. He also counsels on investigations and litigation arising out of data breaches and other cyber-related matters.

His wide-ranging practice includes specialty insurance litigation, such as coverage for disputes involving business interruption, product liability, professional liability and other liability claims. As one of Canada's leading transportation law practitioners, George routinely advises on international issues, acting on instructions from insurance markets and leading international law firms.

George represents clients at all levels of court across the country including the Supreme Court of Canada and appears before administrative tribunals and commissions of inquiry. His extensive dispute resolution experience leads clients to regularly call on him to represent them in arbitrations and mediations.

Drawing on over four decades of experience in litigation and alternative dispute resolution, George is available to assist parties in the resolution of disputes as a certified IMI qualified mediator.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.

Acting for Morgan Stanley in class action proceedings in Québec and in Ontario taken against it and other banks and financial institutions, alleging the manipulation of the market for precious metals.

Valport Maritime Services Inc.

Successfully defended Valport Maritime Services Inc. and its president against accusations by indictment under Part II of the Canadian Labour Code which resulted in a definitive stay of the criminal prosecution against our clients by way of nolle prosequi.

YMCA of Southwestern Ontario

Acting for YMCA of Southwestern Ontario in a dispute over its business interruption insurance coverage provided by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation in relation to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Creditors

Acted for several creditors in applications to enforce in Canada arbitration awards and judgments rendered against the Republic of Iraq.

ING Bank NC

Acted for ING Bank NC against the Republic of Zimbabwe for the enforcement in

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Canada of a foreign judgment relating to a default under various loan facilities.

Kerry Logistics (Canada) Inc.

Acted for Kerry Logistics (Canada) Inc., an international freight forwarder and logistics services provider, in the restructuring under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* of its customer, Stokes Inc., a tableware and kitchenware retailer with 147 retail locations across Canada.

Confidential Client

Acting for an institution with worldwide activities in its opposition to a request made by a foreign state to Canada by virtue of the *Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act*. This matter is important because it involves a large and cross-border fraud investigation that is under international public scrutiny.

Wärtsilä Canada Inc.

Acted for Wärtsilä Canada Inc., a Finnish based engineering firm, before the Supreme Court of Canada in connection with a product liability litigation which turned on the application of the *Civil Code of Québec* to a claim governed by Canadian maritime law.

Moose International Inc.

Acted for Moose International Inc. in the sale of the Moose Knuckles business to a consortium of investors led by Cathay Capital.

Honeywell International Inc.

Representing Honeywell International Inc. against an action in damages claiming approximately \$14 million in damages, brought by Bombardier Inc. and Short Brothers PLC.

RECOGNITIONS

Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys—Commercial (Litigation Star); Insolvency (Litigation Star); Securities (Litigation Star)

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Shipping & Maritime Law

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Alternative Dispute Resolution; Director and Officer Liability Practice; Corporate and Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Maritime Law; Transportation Law (Lawyer of the Year 2017 and 2021, Montréal)

INSIGHTS

Information Management Network (IMN), Third Annual International Litigation Finance Forum, "Litigation Funding and Litigation Insurance: Can They Work Together?"; London, UK
Oct. 23, 2024

Better Late Than Never? Not So for Directors' and Officers' Liability Coverage
Aug. 29, 2024

Information Management Network, International Litigation Finance Forum, "Enforcements and International Arbitration"; London, U.K.

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Oct. 18, 2022

Québec Court Refuses to Certify Class Action for Recovery of COVID-Related Business Interruption Losses

Sept. 30, 2021

ADR Institute of Canada, CanArb Week 2020, “Enforcement of Arbitral Awards”; Webinar

Sept. 24, 2020

COVID-19 Insurance Related Considerations - Business Interruption Coverage Update

Apr. 03, 2020

COVID-19: Insurance Claims Considerations

Mar. 18, 2020

Country Perspective: Canada, co-author

Dec. 16, 2019

Desgagnés Transport v Wärtsilä Canada: Canadian Maritime Law Enters Uncharted Waters

Dec. 04, 2019

Juris Conferences, “Enforcement of Arbitral Awards—Current Legal Challenges in Enforcement”; Amsterdam, NED

Sept. 21, 2018

EDUCATION

McGill University, LLB, 1980

Université de Montréal, LLL, 1978

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Canadian Board of Marine Underwriters

Canadian Maritime Law Association

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Laurentian Pilotage Authority

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

LegisPratique – Code de procédure civile annoté, contributing editor

Black Wealth Club, mentor