

# Litigation Group



## A Canadian Leader in Business Law Litigation

The National Litigation Group at Stikeman Elliott has earned a reputation as a market leader in Canada's largest business centres.

Members of the group regularly act on a wide range of litigation relating to commercial contracts, class actions, securities, tax, competition/antitrust, product liability, intellectual property, professional negligence, directors' and officers' liability – including breach of fiduciary duty, defamation, insurance, real estate, insolvency, fraud, construction, employment, human rights, environmental and regulatory and constitutional matters.

### Recognition for Our Work

Stikeman Elliott's National Litigation Group is rated among Canada's top-tier business litigation practices by domestic and international legal directories:

The firm acted on **4 of the Top 10** Business Cases in Canada for 2009, as selected by Lexpert, more than any other firm.

**Ten litigators** (representing its Toronto, Montréal and Calgary offices) were cited in the prestigious Lexpert/American Lawyer *Guide to the 500 Leading Lawyers in Canada*.

**Ten lawyers** are cited in Lexpert's *Guide to the Leading U.S./Canada Cross-border Litigation Lawyers in Canada*.

**Three of the Group's litigators** appear in Legal Media Group's *The World's Leading Lawyers Expert Guide* in the Litigation sector.

Internationally, **eight of the group's litigators** are listed and ranked in the Chambers Global *Guide to the World's Leading Lawyers for Business in Dispute Resolution, Restructuring/Insolvency and Competition Litigation*.

### Experience at Every Level of Canada's Courts and Tribunals

Members of the Litigation Group are regularly retained to act in a wide range of proceedings, from injunction applications to complex trials and appeals at all levels of provincial and federal courts. Members of the group appear regularly before securities regulators, energy regulators, municipal boards, the Competition Tribunal, the National Transportation Agency, the CRTC (Canada's communications regulator), liquor licensing boards, human rights commissions, arbitration panels, commissions of inquiry and the governing bodies of various institutions and professional disciplines.

### Regulatory Expertise

Stikeman Elliott is well-known for its expertise in providing regulatory advice in a range of industries. The firm acts regularly for clients in regulatory proceedings arising from both competition and securities investigations, as well as in a broad range of other regulated industries, such as electricity, telecommunications and transportation. We offer extensive advocacy experience before all levels of trial and appellate courts in Ontario, the Federal Court of Canada, and the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as various administrative tribunals, including the Competition Tribunal and the Ontario Securities Commission.

### Trusted by Business

Members of the Litigation Group have acted as counsel to significant public and private corporations in a wide variety of sectors of the economy, major Canadian and foreign financial institutions, all levels of government (including provincial regulators), and a variety of charitable institutions. Members of the group have represented trustees, receivers, monitors, creditors or debtors in most of the major insolvency and restructuring matters that have arisen in recent years. Stikeman Elliott's appointment as Canadian legal representative for the Institute of London Underwriters testifies to its experience in insurance and negligence actions, from the defence of medical negligence claims to the prosecution of auditors' negligence suits.

## Canada's Cross-Border Specialists

The Litigation Group has extensive experience with legal issues that transcend Canada's borders. Whether it is an international insolvency or the defence of a class action identical to one commenced elsewhere, Stikeman Elliott litigators have earned a reputation as cross-border specialists who work effectively with lawyers and experts from other jurisdictions. Recently, 10 of our group members were listed as Canadian leaders in Lexpert's Guide to the Leading U.S./Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada (November 2009).

## Helping Clients Avoid Unnecessary Litigation

Recognizing that most clients wish to avoid litigation, the Litigation Group regularly advises on the appropriateness of Alternative Dispute Resolution and on the different forms of ADR that should be considered. Members of the group can also advise clients on how to arrange their affairs to avoid litigation, before problems arise.

## About Stikeman Elliott

A leading Canadian business law firm, Stikeman Elliott has 500 lawyers in five offices across Canada as well as in New York, London and Sydney. The firm is recognized by Chambers Global, the IFLR1000, Lexpert and other publications for market-leading corporate finance and M&A teams with an exceptional track record in major cross-border and multijurisdictional matters.

The firm is also ranked in the top tier of the Canadian market in each of its other core practice areas—banking, corporate commercial, real estate, tax, insolvency, structured finance, competition, intellectual property, administrative law, employment and business litigation – and has developed in-depth knowledge of a wide range of industries including energy, mining, infrastructure, banking, retail, telecommunications and technology

**"A terrific law firm with a high standard of service and advice."**

Chambers Global 2010 - Dispute Resolution

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