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Davies Litigators Earn Top Honours at 2020 Benchmark Canada Awards

Davies' award-winning Litigation team has once again been recognized for its exceptional talent and commitment to client success, taking home four top wins at the Benchmark Canada 2020 Awards held online on May 28, 2020.

Partner <u>Kent Thomson</u> was honoured with the Benchmark Litigation Hall of Fame award in recognition of his illustrious career and outstanding market reputation. Commended as "one of Canada's superior shops for the practice area," Davies also received the award for Competition Firm of the Year.

In addition, the firm won two Impact Case awards for our work on the following cases:

- Hughes v Liquor Control Board of Ontario. Kent Thomson, Matthew Milne-Smith and Michael Lubetsky acted for the LCBO in obtaining summary judgment dismissing a multi-billion dollar antitrust class action, which was later upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal.
- Bluberi CCAA proceedings. <u>Jean-Philippe Groleau</u>, <u>Christian Lachance</u> and <u>Gabriel Lavery Lepage</u> represented the appellant 9354-9186 Québec Inc. (formerly Bluberi Gaming Technologies) in its restructuring proceedings and landmark victory at the Supreme Court of Canada with respect to litigation funding and the parties' required behaviour in insolvency matters.

In addition to our award wins, Davies earned the top distinction of "Highly Recommended" in both Ontario and Québec in the 2020 edition of *Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys*. Partners <u>Bill Brock, Guy Du Pont</u> and Kent Thomson were named among the top 50 trial lawyers in the country, while 16 Davies lawyers were recognized as "Litigation Stars" and 3 as "Future Stars" across 10 practice areas.

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