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**Expertise**  
Dispute Resolution  
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Québec, 2017

A resourceful and dedicated litigator, Joseph-Anaël works closely with clients to resolve their disputes efficiently and successfully.

Joseph-Anaël dedicates his practice to all aspects of dispute resolution, with a particular focus on health law, public law, and commercial and class action disputes.

Joseph-Anaël has acted for clients at several levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as before administrative and arbitration tribunals.

## REPRESENTATIVE WORK

### **Égale Canada Human Rights Trust Inc.**

Acting for Egale Canada, Canada's only national non-profit organization devoted to the promotion of two-spirited, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and intersex rights, as an intervenor in a constitutional challenge to provisions of the *Civil Code of Québec* that infringe upon rights of trans, non-binary and intersex individuals and their children. In a major victory for human rights, the Superior Court of Quebec declared six provisions unconstitutional. An appeal to the Quebec Court of Appeal was heard in April 2022 and is currently under reserve.

### **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.

### **Fédération des médecins spécialistes du Québec**

Acted for the Fédération des médecins spécialistes du Québec (FMSQ) in defence of a class action relating to fees charged to patients. The group representatives allege that the FMSQ prompted its members to charge certain fees to insured patients in violation of the *Health Insurance Act*.

### **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.

### **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

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alleged price-fixing of commercial bread products in Canada at the wholesale and retail levels.

### **MSG Lac Mirabel s.e.c., Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund (MSREF) IV Mirabel Trust and others**

Acted for MSG Lac Mirabel s.e.c., Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund (MSREF) IV Mirabel Trust and others in defence of a \$55-million lawsuit with respect to an alleged agreement for the purchase and sale of a 7.2-million square foot site in Mirabel, Québec, on which a large shopping centre and residential project are now underway.

### **Denso Corporation**

Acting for Denso Corporation (and related entities) in its defence of dozens of class actions commenced across Canada alleging anti-competitive conduct in respect of the sale of various automotive parts, including contested certification proceedings and with respect to cross-border issues arising out of parallel U.S. class actions.

### **Cast Steel Products (Canada) Ltd. and Cast Steel Products (US) Ltd.**

Acted for Cast Steel Products (Canada) Ltd. and Cast Steel Products (US) Ltd. (CSP) in connection with their litigation against one of their independent sales contractors and certain third parties for having illegally appropriated and made use of confidential commercially sensitive information concerning CSP business and clients.

### **Succession René G. Lépine**

Acting for Succession René G. Lépine in its defence to a \$25-million claim by the syndicate of the co-owners of residential towers in downtown Montréal in relation to alleged construction defects.

### **DENSO International America, Inc. and Denso Sales Canada, Inc.**

Successfully acted for the Denso Group in its opposition to class action authorization proceedings before the Superior Court of Québec. Plaintiff sought to represent all buyers/lessees of certain motor vehicles models allegedly equipped with defective fuel pumps that would have been manufactured by the Denso Group. Davies successfully defended Denso and obtained the dismissal of the proposed class action.

## RECOGNITIONS

*Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*—Administrative and Public Law; Class Action Litigation; Corporate and Commercial Litigation

## INSIGHTS

Striking the Balance of *Power*. Supreme Court Confirms Government Has No Absolute Immunity from *Charter* Damages When Adopting Unconstitutional Legislation

July 26, 2024

Can the State Be Held Liable for Neighbourhood Disturbances?

June 17, 2020

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

Dec. 04, 2019

Québec Increases Minimum Age for Cannabis Consumption to 21

Nov. 12, 2019

Québec Superior Court Enforces Right to Collective Bargaining of State Employees

Oct. 08, 2019

Québec Court Rules Restriction on Growing Cannabis at Home Is Unconstitutional

Sept. 10, 2019

Legalization of Cannabis: A Guide for Employers

Oct. 19, 2018

## EDUCATION

McGill University, BCL/LLB, 2016

Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, BA (Psychology), 2012

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Orchestre symphonique de Montréal, Circle of Youth Ambassadors, Executive Committee