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Expertise
Litigation

Bar Admissions
Ontario, 2017

Chenyang provides practical and client-oriented legal advice with a high degree of business acumen.

His commercial litigation practice focuses on high-stakes, complex matters for large Canadian and multinational corporations. Highly responsive and able to quickly synthesize intricate matters to identify the core issues, he delivers excellent counsel to his clients in commercial disputes, class actions, product liability and negligence matters and more.

Prior to joining Davies, he served as a judicial law clerk for Justices Juriansz, Pardu, Paciocco, and Nordheimer at the Court of Appeal for Ontario. He clerked on cases that involved both criminal and civil law issues.

Representative Work

Google LLC, Alphabet Inc. and Google Canada Corporation
Successfully defended **Google LLC**, **Alphabet Inc.** and **Google Canada Corporation** in the first ever application brought before the Canadian Competition Tribunal by a private party for leave to proceed with a private claim on behalf of millions of Canadians and Canadian businesses under novel amendments to the *Competition Act* that came into effect in June 2025. The application and proposed claim concern allegations of abuse of dominance in the provision of internet search engine services as well as allegedly anticompetitive agreements between Google and Apple Inc.

Google LLC
Defending **Google LLC** and **Google Canada Corporation** in claims launched by the Canadian Competition Bureau alleging abuse of dominance in the digital display advertising technology, or “ad tech”, industry. As part of its defence, Google challenged as unconstitutional the Bureau’s demand for a penalty potentially compelling the payment of a financial penalty of up to 3% of Google’s worldwide gross revenues.

Dye & Durham Limited
Acted for **Dye & Durham**’s board in responding to actions by major shareholder Plantro Ltd. and former CEO Matthew Proud, leading to a cooperation agreement under which Plantro appointed an independent director and Dye & Durham initiated a strategic review process.

Orion Engineered Carbons GmbH
Acting for **Orion Engineered Carbons GmbH** to freeze bank accounts in Ontario into which funds obtained through a complex, global fraud scheme had been deposited.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc.
Acting for **Maple Leaf Foods Inc.**, as well as several current and former executives of the company, in complex litigation pending before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against Grupo Bimbo S.A.B. de C.V. and Canada Bread Company, Ltd. involving claims of more than C$2.2 billion arising from the 2014 sale of Canada Bread to Grupo Bimbo, as well as allegations concerning price-fixing in the bread industry in Canada.

Ernst & Young Inc.
Acting for **Ernst & Young Inc.**as interim receiver and receiver of Canadian Motor

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Freight Ltd. and 2568403 Ontario Inc., including in respect of a successful motion before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to hold parties in contempt of court and a successful defence of that contempt finding at the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

Riot Platforms Inc.

Acted for **Riot Platforms Inc.**, a Bitcoin mining and digital infrastructure company, in connection with its successful application to the Capital Markets Tribunal of Ontario to cease trade the 15% trigger poison pill adopted by Bitfarms Ltd., a Toronto-based bitcoin mining company, in response to Riot's unsolicited strategic pursuit of Bitfarms and shareholder meeting requisition. This decision was named one of the top 10 business decisions of 2024 by *Law360 Canada*.

Continental Casualty Company

Successfully defended **Continental Casualty Company (CNA)** in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in a class action in which billions of dollars of claims were asserted by or on behalf of thousands of businesses throughout Canada for business interruption coverage arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. This matter was decided by a Justice of the Commercial List in early June 2023 in favour of CNA and other insurers following a multi-week common issues trial. This is the first case to determine authoritatively at trial in Canada that the SARS-CoV-2 virus does not cause "physical loss or damage to property", and that mere loss of use of property resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic does not trigger coverage under ordinary commercial property insurance policies. This decision was named one of the top 10 business decisions of 2024 by *Law360 Canada*.

Keurig Canada Inc.

Acted for **Keurig Canada Inc.** in its defence of a class action alleging misrepresentations concerning advertisements of the recyclability of single-serve, single-use plastic beverage capsules known as K-Cup pods.

Hydro One Inc.

Acted for **Hydro One Inc.** in the defence of a high-profile employment-related claim advanced in the context of governance changes at Hydro One following the 2018 Ontario Provincial Government election.

Vale Canada Limited

Acting for **Vale Canada Limited** in a proceeding before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) involving claims for damages by Vale of more than $650 million in connection with alleged breaches by Solway Group, an Eastern European mining company, of various royalty agreements relating to a nickel mining project in Guatemala.

James MacDonald

Acted for **Mr. James S.A. MacDonald** before the Supreme Court of Canada in an appeal concerning the difference between speculation and hedging, and the tax treatment applicable to gains or losses arising from derivative transactions.

Respondent

Acted for a **client** in an Ontario Securities Commission enforcement investigation and enforcement proceeding against Solar Income Fund Inc. and various individuals. The investigation and enforcement proceeding related to multiple alleged breaches of the *Securities Act* (Ontario) in connection with an exempt market fund, including misleading investors, misrepresenting financial positions and fraud.

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Benchmark Canada
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Class Action; Commercial; Product Liability
Litigation Star

Law360 Canada
Top Business Decisions
2024

Chambers Canada Awards
Litigation Firm of the Year
2018

Chambers Canada
Litigation, General Commercial Department: Nationwide and Ontario
Band 1

External Engagements

Article
Appeal Allowed – MDS Inc. v. Factory Mutual Insurance Company: Ambiguity in Insurance Contracts and the Meaning of "Physical Damage", co-author
Oct 29, 2021
Toronto Law Journal, October Edition (Toronto Lawyers Association)

Insights

Benchmark Names 4 Davies Litigators in 40 & Under List
Aug 11, 2026

Benchmark Names 5 Davies Litigators in 40 & Under List
Aug 12, 2025

Robinhood to Expand into Canada with WonderFi Acquisition
May 14, 2025

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes Davies
May 1, 2025

Capital Markets Tribunal Establishes New Framework for Evaluating Poison Pills
Nov 21, 2024

Following the Money: *Emergencies Act* Invoked to Expand Anti-Money Laundering Rules
Feb 17, 2022

Education

University of Western Ontario, JD (with Distinction), 2016
Ivey Business School, University of Western Ontario, HBA, 2010

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