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Expertise
Litigation
Class Actions
Securities Litigation

Bar Admissions
New York, 2015
Ontario, 2015
Québec, 2016
Alberta, 2025

Clients value Faiz's strategic approach and skilled advocacy in high-stakes disputes.

Faiz acts for clients in a broad range of litigation matters, including commercial litigation and class action defence, with a focus on securities, competition and consumer class actions. He also frequently represents clients in significant M&A disputes and securities enforcement matters. His experience spans multiple industries, including mining, technology and retail. Faiz represents clients before courts and tribunals across Canada.

Faiz has acted for many years in landmark constitutional cases on a pro bono basis. He also serves as a member of the firm's Pro Bono Committee and the Workplace Harassment Prevention Committee in our Montréal office.

Representative Work

Wärtsilä Canada Incorporated
Successfully acted for **Wärtsilä Canada Incorporated** in the dismissal of a claim brought before the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador in favour of international arbitration.

World Sikh Organization of Canada
Acted on a pro bono basis for the **World Sikh Organization of Canada** and one of its members, Ms. Amrit Kaur, before the Supreme Court of Canada in their constitutional challenge of the *Act respecting the laicity of the State*, which prohibits the wearing of religious symbols by certain public sector employees.

Google LLC and Google Canada Corporation
Defending **Google LLC and Google Canada Corporation** in a proposed class action before the Superior Court of Québec concerning allegedly misleading cryptocurrency advertisements on platforms and social media.

Velan Inc.
Acted for **Velan Inc.** in the €192.5-million sale of its French subsidiaries, Segault SAS and Velan S.A.S., to Framatome SAS.

NOVA Chemicals Corporation
Acting for **NOVA Chemicals Corporation** in multiple appeals before the Alberta Court of Appeal arising from a multi-billion-dollar judgment, described as one of the largest commercial awards in Canadian history, concerning the operation of a chemicals facility in Alberta.

Bit Digital, Inc.
Acted for Nasdaq-listed **Bit Digital, Inc.** in its acquisition of Enovum Data Centers Corp., a Montreal-based owner, operator, and developer of high-performance computing datacenters.

Searchlight Pharma Inc.
Acted for the shareholders of **Searchlight Pharma Inc.**, a top-growth Canadian specialty and innovative branded pharmaceutical company, in connection with the sale of their 100% interest to Apotex Inc.

ARC Automotive, Inc.
Defending **ARC Automotive, Inc.** in two separate class actions, commenced in

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British Columbia and Québec, relating to allegedly defective explosive inflator devices installed in automotive airbags.

IOU Financial Inc.

Acted for **IOU Financial Inc.**, a fintech company listed on the TSX-V, in its sale to 9494-3677 Québec Inc., a corporation created by a group composed of funds managed by Neuberger Berman, Palos Capital and Fintech Ventures, for an all-cash consideration.

BELLUS Health Inc.

Acted for **BELLUS Health Inc.** in its US$2-billion sale to GSK plc, a British-based pharmaceutical company.

ShockWave Medical, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to Nasdaq-listed **Shockwave Medical, Inc.**, in its acquisition of Nasdaq- and TSX-listed British Columbia–based Neovasc Inc., for a total transaction value of up to US$147 million consisting of a purchase price per share of cash and a contingent value right.

LKQ Corporation

Acted as Canadian counsel to **LKQ Corporation** in its C$2.8-billion acquisition of Uni-Select Inc.

SK hynix Inc. and SK hynix America Inc.

Successfully represented **SK hynix Inc. and SK hynix America Inc.** in their defence of multiple class actions across Canada alleging anticompetitive conduct in respect of the sale of dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) chips, including with respect to cross-border issues arising out of parallel U.S. class actions. Davies successfully defeated certification in the Québec Superior Court, the Quebec Court of Appeal, the Federal Court of Canada and the Federal Court of Appeal, a result that is rarely seen in competition class actions.

Cominar REIT

Acted for **Cominar REIT**, one of Canada's largest diversified real estate investment trusts and the largest commercial property owner in Québec, in its C$5.7-billion sale to Iris Acquisition II LP, which is an entity created by a consortium led by Canderel Real Estate Property Inc., one of Canada's largest privately held real estate companies.

New Look Vision Group Inc.

Acted for **New Look Vision Group Inc.** in its $800-million sale to NL1 AcquireCo Inc., an entity created by funds managed by FFL Partners, LLC, a San Francisco-based private equity firm, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec and the Dr. H. Doug Barnes Family.

Alstom S.A.

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Alstom S.A.** in its EUR4.4-billion strategic acquisition of Bombardier Transportation.

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

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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.

Rio Tinto Limited

Acting for **Rio Tinto Limited** in relation to its US$6.7-billion Oyu Tolgoi project in a proposed class action filed in the district of Montréal seeking leave proceed under the *Securities Act* (Québec) and certification under the Québec *Code of Civil Procedure.* Oyu Tolgoi is one of the world's largest new copper-gold mines and is located in the South Gobi region of Mongolia, approximately 550 km south of the capital, Ulaanbaatar, and 80 km north of the Mongolia-China border.

Confidential

Acted for the plaintiff, **an operator of a globally ranked, leading amusement park and resort**, in connection with proceedings before the ICC International Court of Arbitration regarding a product liability claim against the defendant, an amusement park ride manufacturer.

SEMAFO Inc.

Acted as counsel to **SEMAFO Inc.** in its US$2.1-billion business combination with Endeavour Mining Corporation by way of plan of arrangement under the *Business Corporations Act* (Québec).

Knight Therapeutics

Acted for **Knight Therapeutics Inc.** in successfully defending against the activist campaign, proxy contest and contested meeting led by Medison Biotech Ltd. with respect to Knight's 2019 annual meeting.

A large Canadian general contractor

Acted for **one of Canada's largest general contractors** making a $40-million claim in an arbitration relating to the construction of a hydro-electric dam.

Epic Games Inc. and Epic Games Canada ULC

Acting for **Epic Games Inc.** of North Carolina and its Canadian subsidiary **Epic Games ULC** in relation to a class action by users of the popular video game Fortnite.

Formula E Operations Ltd.

Successfully acted for **Formula E Operations Ltd.** (FEO) in connection with its claims arising from the City of Montréal's decision to cancel the Montréal ePrix. This includes asserting FEO's claims against the City of Montréal and in the bankruptcy proceedings of Montréal C'est Électrique, a non-profit corporation set up by the City for the purposes of acting as promoter of the Montréal ePrix.

Triumph Aerostructures, LLC

Acted for **Triumph Aerostructures, LLC,** in connection with its dispute with Bombardier Inc. regarding the wing designed and manufactured by Triumph for Bombardier's Global 7000 business aircraft, including a $455-million claim filed by Triumph before the Québec Superior Court. The dispute was ultimately resolved to both parties' satisfaction.

Barrick Mining Corporation

Acting for **Barrick Gold Corporation** and certain of its former and existing officers and directors in defence of multi-billion dollar class actions in Ontario and Québec alleging breaches of the public disclosure requirements under provincial securities

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legislation concerning Barrick's Pascua Lama mining project in Chile and Argentina.

Recognitions

Chambers Canada
Litigation: General Commercial: Québec

Benchmark Canada
Class Action; Commercial; Securities
Litigation Star

Benchmark Canada
Litigation
40 & Under

Lexpert Rising Stars
Leading Lawyers 40 and Under
2026

Lexpert (CLLD)
Class Actions; Litigation: Corporate Commercial; Litigation: Securities

Best Lawyers Canada
Class Action Litigation; Corporate and Commercial Litigation
Ones to Watch

External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
Moderator, Canadian Bar Association, “Actions collectives: perspectives de trois pionniers pour la nouvelle génération”; Montréal, QC
Jan 27, 2026

Speaking Engagement
Co-chair and moderator, American Bar Association, ABA Business Law Fall Meeting 2025, “Divided Loyalties? Contrasting Nominee Directors’ Duties in Delaware and Abroad”; Toronto, ON
Sep 18, 2025

Speaking Engagement
Barreau du Québec, 2024 National Conference on Class Actions, “Revue annuelle de la jurisprudence au Québec”; Montréal, QC
Nov 27, 2024

Speaking Engagement
Panelist, South Asian Bar Association of North America, 2024 SABA North America Annual Conference, “Power in Numbers: How Class Actions Lead to Behavioral Modification”; Toronto, ON
Jul 12, 2024

Speaking Engagement
Barreau du Québec, National Conference on Class Actions, “Annual Review of Quebec Jurisprudence”; Montréal, QC
Nov 22, 2023

Speaking Engagement

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Université de Montréal Faculty of Law, "The Legal Challenge to the *Act Respecting the Laicity of the State* **(Bill 21)"; Montréal, QC**
Apr 3, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Guest Speaker, Université du Québec à Montréal, Department of Urban and Tourism Studies, Class EUT1411: Legal Dimensions of a City, 'Constitution Law in Canada: Principles'; Montréal, QC
Oct 21, 2021

Speaking Engagement
Presenter, South Asian Law Students' Association, Western University, Faculty of Law, "Bill 21 Judicial Challenge"; Webcast
Oct 14, 2021

Speaking Engagement
The Advocates' Society, Eleventh Annual Securities Symposium, "Recent Developments in Securities Class Actions"; Webinar
Sep 23, 2021

Guide
Vers une approche harmonisée: la coordination et la gestion des actions collectives multiterritoriales au Canada (*Towards a Harmonized Approach: Coordination and Management of Multi-territorial Class Actions in Canada***), author**
Sep 3, 2021
National Collective Action Conference - Recent Developments in Québec, Canada and the United States, Vol. 481, 2021 (Montréal: Éditions Yvon Blais)

Speaking Engagement
Canadian Bar Association, 2020 Constitutional Law Case Law Review, "Les revues jurisprudentielles"; Webinar
Mar 30, 2021

Article
Lessons from Latif: Guidance on the Use of Social Science Expert Evidence in Discrimination Cases, co-author
Jun 26, 2018
The Canadian Bar Review, Vol. 96, No. 1 (Canadian Bar Association)
Read More

Article
Noting the Obvious: A Reflection on the Supreme Court of Canada's Application of Judicial Notice under sections 7 and 15 of the *Charter***, co-author**
Dec 31, 2016
National Journal of Constitutional Law, Vol. 31, Issue 1 (Carswell)

Article
The Test for Prima Facie Discrimination, co-author
Dec 31, 2016
Charter and Human Rights Litigation, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Federated Press)

Speaking Engagement
The Commons Institute, Administrative Tribunal Law and Practice program, "The Charter and Administrative Law"

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Oct 27, 2015

Speaking Engagement
University of Toronto, The David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights Conference, "Redefining the Scope of Judicial Notice under sections 7 and 15 of the *Charter*"
Feb 27, 2015

Insights

Three Davies Partners Named *Lexpert Rising Stars*
Nov 13, 2026

Davies Honoured for Landmark Imperial Tobacco Proceedings at ITR Awards
Oct 30, 2026

Davies Lawyers Recognized by *Best Lawyers*
Sep 3, 2026

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

Québec Court of Appeal Endorses Pro-Arbitration Approach
May 26, 2026

Lexpert Affirms Davies' Position as a Leading Firm
Mar 17, 2026

Historic Tobacco Industry CCAA Plans Implemented
Sep 23, 2025

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

AMF Adopts Policy Supporting Self-Reporting and Cooperation
Jun 4, 2025

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes Davies
May 1, 2025

Changes to Québec's Consumer Protection Regime: Monetary Administrative Penalties and Increased Penal Fines
Jan 14, 2025

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

The Long Arm of Canadian Securities Laws: The Supreme Court of Canada Confirms the Cross-Border Reach of Securities Enforcement
Dec 13, 2023

Canada Imposes Forced and Child Labour Reporting Obligations
May 5, 2023

New Look Vision Completes Sale to NL1 AcquireCo
Dec 24, 2021

Certification Dismissed in DRAM Class Action
Nov 10, 2021

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Alstom Acquires Bombardier Transportation to Become Leader in Global Mobility Market
Feb 1, 2021

New Beacons of Administrative Law: Top Court Reviews the Approach to Judicial Review of Administrative Decisions
Jan 14, 2020

Education

McGill University, BCL/LLB, 2014
Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), 2013
McGill University, BA (Economics and History), 2010

Bar Admissions

New York, 2015
Ontario, 2015
Québec, 2016
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Community Involvement

Canadian Bar Association, Class Actions Section, Québec Branch, Executive Committee
Canadian Bar Association, Administrative and Constitutional Law Section, Québec Branch, Executive Committee
Fondation du Barreau du Québec, Governor of the Future
H H The Aga Khan Regional Council For Quebec Maritime Provinces, board member
Laskin Competition (Canadian Constitutional and Administrative Law), Co-coach of the UQAM Team for 2022
The Advocates' Society, Securities Litigation Practice Group, past Member-at-Large

Teaching Engagements

Faiz is co-lecturer in Securities Regulation at McGill University's Faculty of Law.

Professional Affiliations

Canadian Bar Association, Administrative and Constitutional Law Section, Québec Branch, past member of the Executive Committee