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Expertise
Litigation

Bar Admissions
Québec, 1981
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George is a seasoned commercial litigator and mediator with over four decades of experience handling complex disputes.

George advises public and private companies on extraordinary remedies, debt recovery, the enforcement of foreign arbitration awards and judgments, sovereign immunity claims, shareholder rights and oppression remedies and contractual disputes. He also counsels on investigations and litigation arising out of data breaches and other cyber-related matters.

As one of Canada's leading transportation law practitioners, George routinely advises on international issues, acting on instructions from insurance markets and leading international law firms. His wide-ranging practice includes specialty insurance litigation, such as coverage for disputes involving business interruption, product liability, professional liability and other liability claims.

George represents clients at all levels of court across the country including the Supreme Court of Canada, and appears before administrative tribunals and commissions of inquiry. In addition, he is a highly effective mediator with 45 years of dispute resolution expertise, representing clients in arbitrations and mediations. Drawing on decades of experience as a trial lawyer, he brings sound judgment, practical advice and a deep understanding of complex disputes to both advocacy and mediation.

Certified by the ADR Learning Institute and the International Mediation Institute, George is able to assess cases for mediation, identify the important issues and guide parties with confidence and clarity toward commercially sensible resolutions.

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.

Vortex Companies
Acted for **Vortex Companies**, a Quad-C Management, Inc. portfolio company and global leader in trenchless infrastructure solutions, in its acquisition of Foraction Inc., Quebec's leading trenchless watermain rehabilitation contractor, from Groupe Michaudville.

Novum Legal Inc.
Acted for the shareholders of **Novum Legal** in the sale of their interest in Novum.

Honeywell International Inc.
Represented **Honeywell International Inc.** against Bombardier Inc. in the context of a $450-million claim in relation to various contracts for the supply by Honeywell of aircraft propulsion units for Bombardier's Challenger 300, Challenger 350 and CSeries programs.

Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.
Acting for **Morgan Stanley** in class action proceedings in Québec and in Ontario taken against it and other banks and financial institutions, alleging the manipulation of the market for precious metals.

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Valport Maritime Services Inc.

Successfully defended **Valport Maritime Services Inc.** and its president against accusations by indictment under Part II of the Canadian Labour Code which resulted in a definitive stay of the criminal prosecution against our clients by way of nolle prosequi.

The YMCAs

Acting for **a consortium of Canadian YMCAs** in insurance coverage litigation stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, including on a successful motion before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice for a declaration of coverage under a unique policy insuring against business interruption losses from communicable disease outbreaks.

Creditors

Acted for several **creditors** in applications to enforce in Canada arbitration awards and judgments rendered against the Republic of Iraq.

ING Bank NC

Acted for **ING Bank NC** against the Republic of Zimbabwe for the enforcement in Canada of a foreign judgment relating to a default under various loan facilities.

Kerry Logistics (Canada) Inc.

Acted for **Kerry Logistics (Canada) Inc.**, an international freight forwarder and logistics services provider, in the restructuring under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* of its customer, Stokes Inc., a tableware and kitchenware retailer with 147 retail locations across Canada.

Confidential Client

Acting for an **institution with worldwide activities** in its opposition to a request made by a foreign state to Canada by virtue of the *Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act*. This matter is important because it involves a large and cross-border fraud investigation that is under international public scrutiny.

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.

Moose International Inc.

Acted for **Moose International Inc.** in the sale of the Moose Knuckles business to a consortium of investors led by Cathay Capital.

Honeywell International Inc.

Representing **Honeywell International Inc.** against an action in damages claiming approximately $14 million in damages, brought by Bombardier Inc. and Short Brothers PLC.

Sistem Muhendislik Insaat Sanayi Ve Ticaret Anonim Sirketi

Acted for **Sistem Muhendislik Insaat Sanayi Ve Ticaret Anonim Sirketi**, a Turkish construction company, in its application before the Superior Court of Justice in Ontario for the recognition and enforcement of an arbitration award rendered against the Kyrgyz Republic in a case of illegal expropriation of an hotel it owned and operated in Bishkek, capital city of Kyrgyzstan.

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Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust

Acting for **Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust** in an injunctive matter involving Librairie Raffin and Librairie Renaud-Bray in connection with the leasing of commercial premises.

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.

First Capital Realty

Acted for First Capital Realty, a shopping centre developer, in connection with the contestation of one of its tenant's proceeding as he was seeking to avoid cancellation of his lease to allow centre to be redeveloped.

Linpac Group Holdings, Ltd.

Acted for a leading packaging manufacturer in connection with a damage claim for product liability.

El Paso Corporation

Acted for **Parachem** and **El Paso Energy Corp**. in the case of a $2-million action and a counterclaim in the amount of $25 million in regard to a chemical spill.

Canadian Forum Investments Inc.

Acted for the current owners of the Pepsi Forum, **Canadian Forum Investments Inc.** , who sued Pepsi for the recovery of unpaid sponsorship fees for an amount of $5 million.

Cormark Securities Inc.

Acted for a broker that was sued for the recovery of damages in the amount of $1.5 million for libel and slander consisting of statements made in a reporting letter.

Confidential Client

Acted for a global provider of information technology services in disputes arising out of servicing agreements.

Honeywell International Inc.

Acted for **Honeywell International Inc.** in its defence of a class action alleging a price-fixing conspiracy in respect of the manufacture and sale of after-market automobile oil filters.

Retail Decisions Inc.

Acted for **Retail Decisions Inc.**, a leading provider of credit card transaction processing services, in a significant dispute under a processing agreement.

State Property Fund of Ukraine

Acted for the **State Property Fund of Ukraine** in a dispute based on a joint-venture agreement for the modernization of an oil refinery.

State Property Fund of Ukraine

Acted for the **State Property Fund of Ukraine** on the successful challenge before the Federal Court (Trial Division) and the Federal Court of Appeal of the validity of the

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registration of a $60 million arbitral award against the State Property Fund of Ukraine. The Federal Court of Appeal's ruling secured the release of an Aircraft Antonov AN124-100 that had been impounded in Goose Bay, Newfoundland.

Nesbitt Burns Inc.
Acted for **Nesbitt Burns Inc.** in defending a class action claiming damages for alleged market time trading in Guardian Group of Funds Ltd. mutual funds.

Ivaco Inc.
Acted for Canadian steel giant **Ivaco Inc.**, and several Ivaco subsidiaries, in *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* proceedings commenced in September of 2003, including the sale to The Heico Companies, L.L.C., a U.S.-based holding company, of the assets of the Ivaco companies for $375 million.

National Wildlife Federation
Acted for the **National Wildlife Federation** in litigation before the Superior Court of Québec arising out of the financing and production of IMAX format wildlife films.

Noranda Inc.
Acted for **Noranda Inc.** in an action before the Superior Court of Québec against the Société générale de Financement for the recovery of amounts owed in connection with the closure of the Magnola magnesium plant in Danville, Québec.

Global Television Network Inc.
Acted for **Global Television Network Inc** in an action instituted against it arising out of an alleged copyright violation in respect of the POPSTARS television show.

Recognitions

Best Lawyers Canada
Transportation Law
Lawyer of the Year 2017 and 2021, Montréal

Best Lawyers Canada
Insurance Law; Maritime Law; Transportation Law

Benchmark Canada
Commercial; Insolvency; Securities
Litigation Star

Lexpert (CLLD)
Shipping & Maritime Law

Best Lawyers Canada
Alternative Dispute Resolution; Director and Officer Liability Practice; Corporate and Commercial Litigation

External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
Information Management Network (IMN), Third Annual International Litigation Finance Forum, “Litigation Funding and Litigation Insurance: Can They Work Together?”; London, UK
Oct 23, 2024

Speaking Engagement
Information Management Network, International Litigation Finance Forum,

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"Enforcements and International Arbitration"; London, U.K.
Oct 18, 2022

Speaking Engagement
ADR Institute of Canada, CanArb Week 2020, "Enforcement of Arbitral Awards"; Webinar
Sep 24, 2020

Article
Country Perspective: Canada, co-author
Dec 16, 2019
Perspectives in Practice of the UNIDROIT Principles 2016: Views of the IBA Working Group on the Practice of the UNIDROIT Principles 2016 (International Bar Association)
Download Article

Speaking Engagement
Juris Conferences, "Enforcement of Arbitral Awards–Current Legal Challenges in Enforcement"; Amsterdam, NED
Sep 21, 2018

Speaking Engagement
Canadian Corporate Counsel Association, "Arbitration–Myths & Realities"; Montréal, QC
Jan 31, 2012

Insights

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

Piercing the Corporate Veil: Court of Appeal for Ontario Clarifies the Test
Jun 29, 2026

Ontario Court of Appeal Confirms Personal Liability for Civil Fraud
May 25, 2026

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

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes Davies
May 1, 2025

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

Québec Court Refuses to Certify Class Action for Recovery of COVID-Related Business Interruption Losses
Sep 30, 2021

Davies Litigators Achieve Top Ranking in*Benchmark Canada* 2021
Apr 28, 2021

Education

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Université de Montréal, LLL, 1978

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Community Involvement

LegisPratique – Code de procédure civile annoté, contributing editor
Black Wealth Club, mentor

Board Memberships

Laurentian Pilotage Authority

Professional Affiliations

Canadian Board of Marine Underwriters
Canadian Maritime Law Association