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Expertise
Litigation

Bar Admissions
Ontario, 2009
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> “Maureen’s commitment to her work as well as the people she works with is evident in every interaction. Quite frankly, we would be lost without her.”
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> Client – *Chambers Canada*

Maureen’s civil litigation practice focuses on complex commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Her experience spans a wide range of matters, including commercial disputes, insolvency proceedings, professional regulation, employment disputes and class actions, with a particular emphasis on contractual and infrastructure disputes. She has been involved in a variety of public proceedings before trial and appellate courts across the country (including Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Labrador), as well as numerous private arbitrations.

Maureen has worked with Canadian and international clients across industries such as construction and infrastructure, mining, telecommunications, renewable energy, information technology and professional services. In the *Chambers Canada* guide, one client describes Maureen as “an excellent litigator…[who] always brings her A game.” She has deep expertise in the law of privilege and frequently writes, presents and advises in this area.

Maureen is a member of the firm's Talent Management Committee.

Representative Work

Behold Control Equipment Inc.
Successfully represented **Behold Control Equipment Inc.** in a high-stakes dispute with RACE Mechanical and its affiliate, Aquire Facilities Management, concerning Behold's unique predictive facilities management hardware and software, and allegations of misuse of confidential information.

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.

Confidential client
Acted for a **public company** in defence of a proposed securities class action alleging misrepresentations contrary to the *Securities Act* (Ontario) in connection with government contracting and the importation of goods.

Canadian Women’s National Soccer Team Players’ Association
Advising the **Canadian Women's National Team** in their high-profile dispute against the national federation, Canada Soccer, for fair treatment and wages.

Confidential Client
Acted for a **leading global services provider** and its Canadian subsidiary in a high-stakes arbitration relating to the termination of a series of long-term services agreements.

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Centerra Gold Inc.

Acted for the special committee of independent directors of **Centerra Gold Inc.** in successfully obtaining approval of a contested plan of arrangement under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* in relation to the global arrangement agreement between Centerra, Kyrgyzaltyn JSC and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Baffinland Iron Mines LP and Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

Acted as counsel for **Baffinland Iron Mines LP and Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation** (together, “BIM”) in a high-stakes application to set aside or overturn an arbitral award of more than $114 million in damages. The resulting appeal in this case resulted in an important decision rendered by the Ontario Court of Appeal in April 2023 that addresses the circumstances in which an arbitration agreement will be interpreted as excluding rights of appeal, the application of the presumption of consistent expression in the interpretation of Canadian contracts, and the narrow circumstances in which a refusal to grant leave to appeal by a Superior Court may be appealed directly to the Court of Appeal.

A long-term shareholder of BlackBerry Limited

Acted for a long-term shareholder in BlackBerry Limited, in engaging with staff of the TSX and OSC regarding requiring shareholder approval of BlackBerry's September 2020 recapitalization. Successful in having BlackBerry provide additional public disclosure and compelling BlackBerry to amend the transaction terms.

Denso Corporation

Acted 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.

Vale Canada Limited

Acted for **Vale Canada Limited** and its affiliates in defending contractual claims before the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador in an amount of almost C$500 million that were asserted by the Plaintiff under an Option Agreement pertaining to the Voisey's Bay Nickel Project. This case was settled in September, 2018, at the end of the first week of a four month trial that would have involved dozens of lay and expert witnesses. This was the first "hybrid trial" and first electronic trial ever conducted in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Canadian Women's National Soccer Team

Advised the **Canadian Women's National Team** on the formation of a Players' Association and compensation negotiations on behalf of the Canadian Women's National Soccer Team Players' Association.

Rogers Communications Inc.

Acting for **Rogers Communications Inc.** in connection with numerous multi-billion dollar class action proceedings across Canada to recover "system access fees" charged to consumers by wireless service providers in Canada in the period since 1987. These are some of the largest class actions in Canadian history and have given rise to numerous trial level and appellate decisions in favour of Rogers in various provinces in Canada, including Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Québec, Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia.

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Acted for **Apotex Inc.** in defending successfully at trial in the Superior Court of Ontario claims made by Alcon Canada Inc. concerning an alleged settlement of claims between the parties arising from patent disputes in the United States and Canada. Alcon's claims were dismissed by a Justice of the Commercial List in Toronto following the conclusion of an expedited trial.

Barrick Gold Corporation

Acted for **Barrick Gold Corporation** in international tort litigation concerning the mining operations of an affiliate of Barrick in Africa, brought in the courts of Canada, the United Kingdom and Tanzania.

Shaw Communications Inc.

Acted for **Shaw Communications Inc.** in a successful appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada from a decision of the Federal Court of Appeal that would have permitted the CRTC to implement a so-called "value for signal" regime in Canada. The implementation of that regime would have had a transformative impact on television broadcasting in Canada. This case involved the intersection of Canadian copyright and broadcasting laws. The reference question at issue was whether the CRTC had jurisdiction to implement the proposed regime. A majority of the Supreme Court of Canada (with four judges dissenting) held that the CRTC did not have jurisdiction, noting limits on the powers of a subordinate legislative body such as the CRTC.

Samsung Renewable Energy Inc. and Pattern Renewable Holdings Canada ULC

Acted for **Samsung Renewable Energy Inc.** and **Pattern Renewable Holdings Canada ULC** in hearings before the Environmental Review Tribunal in the successful defence of appeals of the renewable energy approvals for the South Kent 270 MW and Grand Renewable 148 MW wind energy projects.

Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan (now known as Nutrien Ltd.)

Acted for **Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan (now known as Nutrien Ltd.)** in proceedings before the Courts of Saskatchewan. This was a multi-billion dollar dispute over the ownership of potash reserves in the world's largest potash mine in Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, and gave rise to more than 100 days of discovery, numerous interlocutory motions as well as an appeal to the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. The case was settled shortly before the commencement of a lengthy trial in Saskatoon, on terms satisfactory to Potash Corporation.

Pershing Square Capital Management LP

Acted for **Pershing Square Capital Management LP** and other institutional investors in Sears Canada Inc. in connection with their successful efforts to oppose Sears Holdings Corporation's efforts to squeeze out the minority shareholders of Sears Canada, including proceedings before the Ontario Securities Commission and the Ontario courts.

Recognitions

Chambers Canada
Dispute Resolution: Arbitration; Litigation: General Commercial: Ontario

Benchmark Canada
Top 100 Women in Litigation
2022-2026

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Benchmark Canada Awards
Impact Case of the Year
2019

Benchmark Canada
Class Action; Commercial
Litigation Star

Lexpert Special Edition
Litigation

Lexpert Rising Stars
Leading Lawyers 40 and Under
2021

Lexpert (CLLD)
Class Actions

Best Lawyers Canada
Class Action Litigation; Corporate and Commercial Litigation

External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
The Advocates' Society, "Civility Series: Dealing with Difficult Counsel"; Online
Dec 4, 2025

Speaking Engagement
Ontario Bar Association, "Privilege & Confidentiality in Commercial Transactions"; Toronto, ON
Dec 4, 2025

Speaking Engagement
Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development, The 19th Annual Civil Litigator's Survival Guide to Evidence, "The Latest on Privilege"; Webcast
Jan 22, 2025

Speaking Engagement
International Association of Defense Counsel, IADC Annual Meeting, "Third Party Litigation Funding: The Dark Money Driving High-Stakes Litigation"; Vancouver, BC
Jul 11, 2024

Speaking Engagement
CanArbWeek 2024, "ArbitralWomen – Experts in Action: A Cross-Exam Demo"; Toronto, ON
Jun 3, 2024

Article
Interview, *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*, **"Pricing and complexity driving disputes in infrastructure construction projects"; Web Publication**
May 13, 2024
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Speaking Engagement
Ontario Bar Association, "Avoiding Pitfalls in Waiver of Privilege"; Webcast

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Mar 28, 2024

Speaking Engagement
Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development, The 18th Annual Civil Litigator's Survival Guide to Evidence, "The Latest on Privilege"; Webcast
Jan 18, 2024

Speaking Engagement
Law Society of Ontario, Financial Accounting for Litigators 2023, "Current Topics in Professional Ethics Best Practices for Managing Valuation and Litigation Support Mandates"; Toronto, ON
Apr 4, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Canadian Bar Association, OBA Civil Litigation Lawyers Program, "Avoiding Pitfalls in Common Interest Privilege"; Webcast
Jan 30, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Ontario Bar Association, OBA Civil Litigation Lawyers Program, "Avoiding Pitfalls in Litigation Privilege"; Webcast
Feb 15, 2022

Speaking Engagement
Co-chair, Ontario Bar Association, Today's Advocacy Challenge: Mastering Remote Interactions with the Courts; Toronto, ON
Apr 21, 2020

Speaking Engagement
Law Society of Ontario, Twelve Minute Civil Litigator 2018, "Privilege Update"; Toronto, ON
Sep 18, 2018

Insights

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

3 Davies Lawyers in *Benchmark*'s Top 100 Women in Litigation
Aug 13, 2026

National Team Players Associations and Canada Soccer Ratify Collective Agreement
Apr 2, 2026

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

Lexpert Recognizes Davies' Excellence in Litigation
Nov 20, 2025

3 Davies Lawyers in *Benchmark*'s Top 100 Women in Litigation
Aug 14, 2025

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes Davies
May 1, 2025

Two Davies Partners Named 2021 Lexpert Rising Stars
Nov 25, 2021

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

Education

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Queen’s University, BSc (Hons) (Mechanical Engineering), 2004

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