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Expertise
Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Competition Litigation
Class Actions
Financial Restructuring and Insolvency
Public Law

Bar Admissions
New York, 2013
Ontario, 2013
District of Columbia, 2019
British Columbia, 2023
Alberta, 2025

> “One of our company’s ‘go-to’ lawyers for matters of high importance. He has a very strong presence in court and engages with the bench well.”
>
> *Chambers Canada*

Chan is a seasoned litigator and strategist who has handled a diverse array of high-stakes cases across Canada and the United States.

In recent years, Chan has been involved in some of Canada’s most high-profile contested competition matters. Chan successfully defended the landmark C$26-billion merger of Rogers and Shaw Communications against the Competition Bureau at trial and appeal. He is also involved in numerous multijurisdictional class actions, including leading McKesson Corporation’s defence of nationwide litigation concerning the opioid crisis. Beyond commercial disputes, Chan has also briefed and argued multiple cutting-edge constitutional and public law issues at trial and on appeal.

Prior to joining Davies, Chan practised at two top U.S. litigation firms. He was a member of teams that successfully defeated the Federal Trade Commission’s challenge to Altria’s $12.8-billion investment in JUUL Labs and successfully defended a sitting federal judge in landmark mandamus proceedings involving the prosecution of a White House official.

Chan’s pro bono work has included representing criminal defence groups, LGBT rights advocates, refugees and disability rights groups. He has published numerous articles on legal issues in academic and popular forums. In 2023, the Supreme Court of Canada favourably cited one of his academic papers in a constitutional case.

After graduating first in his law school class, Chan began his legal career clerking for Justice Michael J. Moldaver of the Supreme Court of Canada and Judge Ronnie Abrams of the Southern District of New York. He also interned for Justice Dalveer Bhandari of India’s Supreme Court. Earlier in his career, Chan worked for a global investment bank in New York.

Representative Work

Shaw Communications Inc.
Successfully acted for **Shaw Communications** in landmark trial and appellate proceedings in which the Government of Canada challenged the company’s C$26-billion merger with Rogers Communications, the largest contested merger case ever heard in this country. This case was named the #1 business decision of 2023 by *Law360 Canada* and one of *Lexpert*’s Top 10 Business Decisions of 2023.

McKesson Corporation and McKesson Canada Corporation
Acting for **McKesson Corporation** and **McKesson Canada Corporation** in its defence of a class action brought by the Province of British Columbia on behalf of all Canadian provincial governments, as well as the Federal government, against manufacturers and distributors of opioids seeking to recover health care costs related to the opioid crisis. Also acting for McKesson in defence of additional opioid-related proposed class actions across Canada.

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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.

Altria Group, Inc.

Defending **Altria Group, Inc.** in nationwide litigation relating to vaping products, including an action brought by the British Columbia government on behalf of Canadian governments.

Ipex Inc.

Defending **Ipex Inc.** and its affiliates in a proposed multijurisdictional consumer class action alleging a North America-wide price-fixing conspiracy in PVC pipes industry.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc.

Acted for FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as the neutral, court-appointed monitor of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and affiliates, in Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act and Chapter 15 U.S. Bankruptcy Code proceedings involving a historic C$32.5-billion settlement of tobacco-related liabilities.

Confidential client

Acted for the **claimant** in a C$1.1-billion ICC arbitration regarding a major Canadian infrastructure project.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel for the **Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.**in defence of an adversary proceeding under Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code relating to the historic February 2021 winter storm in Texas and the resulting extraordinary demands on the state's power grid.

National Beef Packing Company

Successfully settled class actions commenced in Québec and British Columbia on behalf of **National Beef Packing Company** alleging a supply and price-fixing conspiracy in respect of cattle and beef.

Insolvency Institute of Canada

Acted for the **Insolvency Institute of Canada (IIC)** as an intervener before the Supreme Court of Canada in *Aquino v. Ernst & Young (Aquino)*and *Scott v. Golden Oaks (Golden Oaks)*, two important commercial cases concerning corporate attribution and set-off in the bankruptcy and insolvency context. These decisions were named #2 of the top 10 business decisions of 2024 by *Law360 Canada*.

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.

Atlantic Lottery Corporation, British Columbia Lottery Corporation,

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Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan

Acting for **provincial lottery corporations** representing seven out of 10 provinces in a criminal law and constitutional law reference before the Court of Appeal for Ontario concerning the scope of a province's authority to conduct and manage online gambling with international aspects.

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Corp.

Successfully acted for **Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Corp.**, a member of the Canadian Lottery Coalition, in the first-of-its-kind litigation seeking to bar offshore online gambling site Bodog from operating or advertising in the province.

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.

Recognitions

Chambers Canada
Litigation: General Commercial: Ontario; Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence)

Benchmark Canada
Class Action; Commercial; Competition/Antitrust; Insolvency
Future Star

Benchmark Canada
Litigation
40 & Under

Lexpert Rising Stars
Leading Lawyers 40 and Under
2025

Lexpert Special Edition
Health Sciences

Lexpert (CLLD)
Class Actions

Best Lawyers Canada
Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Canadian Law Awards
Commercial Litigation Team of the Year
2023, 2025

Law360 Canada
Top Business Decisions
2023, 2024

Benchmark Canada Awards
Impact Case of the Year
2023

National LGBT Bar Association
Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40

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

External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
Canadian Bar Association, Competition Law Fall Conference, "Closing Plenary Debate"; Ottawa, ON
Sep 27, 2024

In the News
Interview, *The Globe and Mail***, "Civil inaction in Canada's courts."**
Sep 20, 2024
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Insights

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

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

Lexpert Recognizes Davies' Health Sciences Expertise
Jul 8, 2026

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

Business Implications of Recent Landmark Decisions
Jan 15, 2026

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Jan 15, 2026

Historic Tobacco Industry CCAA Plans Implemented
Sep 23, 2025

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

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes Davies
May 1, 2025

The International Association of Defense Counsel Welcomes Chanakya Sethi
Jan 20, 2025

Education

Yale Law School, LLM, 2014
Osgoode Hall Law School, JD (Gold Medallist), 2012
Princeton University, BA, 2007
Clerk, The Honourable Mr. Justice Michael J. Moldaver, Supreme Court of Canada
Clerk, The Honourable Ronnie Abrams, Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

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Community Involvement

Ontario Bar Association, Civil Litigation Section Executive, former member
Osgoode Hall Law School, Laskin Moot Team, coach
Upper Canada College Association Council, president

Board Memberships

Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research, board member
The Daily Princetonian, trustee and secretary
Upper Canada College, governor

Professional Affiliations

The Advocates' Society
Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers
South Asian Bar Association
The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)