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Expertise
Litigation

Bar Admissions
Québec, 2005

Julie is a partner in the Dispute Resolution practice.

Having gained significant trial and appellate experience over the years, Julie advises a wide range of clients on a variety of commercial litigation matters, with a focus on class action defence. Julie applies her creative, yet efficient, approach to complex litigation matters. Clients also turn to Julie for her strategic thinking and strong advocacy skills.

Julie is a member of our Talent Management, Professional Development and Workplace Harassment Prevention committees, and our Diversity & Inclusion Council.

Representative Work

Canadian Malartic GP
Acting for **Canadian Malartic GP** in a class action based on alleged neighbourhood annoyances related to the operations of the largest open-pit gold mine in Canada.

Canadian Malartic GP
Acting for **Canadian Malartic GP** in connection with an injunction application alleging breach of various environmental standards.

Confidential Client
Acted successfully for a Québec-based gas retailer in connection with criminal charges laid by the Competition Bureau for alleged price-fixing and related class actions. Davies has succeeded in obtaining a stay of the criminal proceedings against its client based on a breach of its constitutional rights.

Giant Tiger Stores Limited
Acting for **Giant Tiger Stores Limited** in its defence of multiple class proceedings commenced across Canada (including Ontario, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, Québec and the Federal Court) relating to alleged price-fixing of commercial bread products in Canada at the wholesale and retail levels.

Aéroports de Montréal
Acting for **Aéroports de Montréal** (ADM) as intervenor in a construction dispute between Bombardier Inc. (Bombardier) and Axor Group Inc. (Axor) relating to allegations of faulty performance of a "turnkey" contract. Axor designed and built an aircraft hangar for Bombardier on land leased by ADM. Bombardier alleges that Axor failed to connect certain waste water drains, located at the bottom of the Hangar's recovery gutters, to the underground recovery tank. This would have resulted in contaminated water being discharged into the soils of the land on which the Hangar is located.

Canadian Malartic GP
Acting for **Canadian Malartic GP**, an impleaded party in an application for judicial review to obtain the annulment of a governmental decree.

Geneviève Simard, Amélie-Frédérique Gagnon, Gail Kelly and Anna Prchal
Representing **Amélie-Frédérique Gagnon**, **Gail Kelly**, **Anna Prchal** and **Geneviève Simard**, who were among the victims of former ski coach Bertrand Charest. He was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison on charges related to the sexual assault of athletes. Davies is acting on a pro bono basis.

Giant Tiger

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Acting for **Giant Tiger** in defence of a class action in Québec for alleged "greenwashing", or misleading environmental claims, of recyclable bags.

Giant Tiger

Defending **Giant Tiger** in a proposed class action filed in Québec alleging that some of Canada's largest grocers engaged in "maple-washing" to promote imported food products.

Recognitions

Chambers Canada
Litigation, General Commercial: Québec

Benchmark Canada
Class Action; Commercial
Litigation Star

Benchmark Canada
40 & Under List

Legal 500 Canada
Dispute Resolution: Québec
Leading Partner

Canadian Lawyer Magazine
Canada's Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers
Changemakers (2019)

Lexpert Zenith Award
Celebrating Change Agents in Law
2019

Lexpert Rising Stars
Leading Lawyers 40 and Under
2019

Lexpert Special Edition
Litigation

Lexpert (CLLD)
Class Actions; Litigation: Corporate Commercial

Best Lawyers Canada
Alternative Dispute Resolution; Appellate Practice; Class Action Litigation; Corporate and Commercial Litigation

External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
Barreau du Québec, National Conference on Class Actions, "ESG-related class actions: A new wave of class action on the horizon?"; Montréal, QC
Nov 22, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Co-chair, The Advocates' Society, "Les injonctions en pratique"; Montréal, QC
Oct 18, 2019

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The Advocates' Society, "L'art du contre-interrogatoire"; Montréal, QC
Apr 12, 2019

Speaking Engagement
Panelist, Option consommateurs roundtable, "Class Actions: How to make them more effective and optimize the benefits"; Montréal, QC
May 4, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Barreau du Québec, Les développements récents en droit de la concurrence 2024, "Comment rédiger et négocier des clauses de non-concurrence efficaces et raisonnables?"; Webcast
May 17, 2024

Speaking Engagement
Barreau du Québec, National Conference on Class Actions 2020, "Annual Review of the Jurisprudence from Québec; Webinar
Oct 22, 2020

Speaking engagement
Co-chair, The Advocates' Society, Colloque sur les techniques de plaidoirie; Montréal, QC
Jun 6, 2024

Speaking Engagement
The Advocates Society, Symposium for Women in Litigation; Montréal, QC
Nov 28, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Western Ontario University, Western Law's Distinguished Speaker Series, "Helping survivors make Canadian sports safer; Webinar
Nov 19, 2020

Insights

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

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

Lexpert Recognizes Davies' Excellence in Litigation
Nov 20, 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

Davies Recognized in *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
Nov 29, 2021

The Legal 500 Canada Recognizes Davies as "Best in Class"
Nov 15, 2021

Six Davies Litigators Named in *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 & Under List 2021

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Education

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Community Involvement

BAnQ, Ombudsman
The Advocates' Society, Québec Advisory Committee
The Advocates' Society, Board of Directors

Professional Affiliations

The Advocates' Society