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Expertise
Litigation
Class Actions
Securities Litigation

Bar Admissions
Ontario, 2010

A fearless advocate for his clients, Steven acts in high-stakes, complex commercial disputes.

Steven assists Canadian and international clients in class action disputes and securities litigation matters. He also has substantial expertise in competition litigation, contractual disputes and franchise litigation. Steven offers clear and detailed advice to clients and appears before courts and tribunals across Canada, including the Supreme Court of Canada, the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Ontario Securities Commission. Corporations across a broad range of industries, including resource extraction, value Steven for his focus and sharp analytical skills.

Steven is a member of the Toronto Student Committee. Outside of work, he is also a member of the legal task force of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs and sits on the Executive of the 10+ Standing Committee of The Advocates' Society. He has also provided pro bono representation to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

Representative Work

Google LLC, Alphabet Inc. and Google Canada Corporation
Successfully defended **Google LLC**, **Alphabet Inc.** and **Google Canada Corporation** in the first ever application brought before the Canadian Competition Tribunal by a private party for leave to proceed with a private claim on behalf of millions of Canadians and Canadian businesses under novel amendments to the *Competition Act* that came into effect in June 2025. The application and proposed claim concern allegations of abuse of dominance in the provision of internet search engine services as well as allegedly anticompetitive agreements between Google and Apple Inc.

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.

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.

LG Electronics
Acted for **LG Electronics** and its Canadian and U.S. subsidiaries in their defence of multiple class actions commenced across Canada alleging a price-fixing conspiracy in connection with the sale of optical disk drives and products containing them, including a certification motion in the British Columbia Supreme Court and subsequent appeal in the British Columbia Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada.

McKesson Canada Corporation and McKesson Corporation
Acted for **McKesson Canada Corporation** and **McKesson Corporation** in a $200-million contractual indemnity claim arising out of the purchase of the Rexall Pharmacy Business and tort claims for alleged fraudulent misrepresentations in

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contract negotiation.

Royal Group, Inc.

Acted for **Royal Group, Inc.** in its successful defence of a wrongful dismissal action commenced by its former Chief Financial Officer. The action was dismissed by Justice Myers of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in July 2017, following a three-week trial in the Commercial List. Royal Group prevailed on every issue, proving that the Plaintiff's role in certain related party transactions gave rise to cause for dismissal notwithstanding that the Plaintiff had previously been acquitted of criminal charges brought against him in respect of those transactions.

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.

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

Stingray Group Inc.

Acted for **Stingray Group Inc.** in a $50-million claim against its franchisor in a fast-tracked action before the Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

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.

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.

Coventree Inc.

Acted for **Coventree Inc.** in defending enforcement proceedings brought against Coventree and two of its officers by Staff of the Ontario Securities Commission following the collapse of the $35-billion asset-backed securities market in August 2007. A number of allegations made against Coventree were dismissed following a lengthy trial at the OSC. This was the only matter that proceeded to trial following the collapse of the ABCP market in 2007.

Recognitions

Chambers Canada

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Litigation, General Commercial: Ontario

Benchmark Canada
Class Action; Commercial; Competition/Antitrust; Securities
Litigation Star

Benchmark Canada Awards
Impact Case of the Year
2023

Canadian Law Awards
Commercial Litigation Team of the Year
2023

Lexpert Rising Stars
Leading Lawyers 40 and Under
2020

Lexpert Special Edition
Litigation

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

Best Lawyers Canada
Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Law360 Canada
Top Business Decision
2023

Chambers Canada Awards
Litigation Firm of the Year
2018

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

External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
Co-chair, Law Society of Ontario, Class Actions: Update for Litigators 2021; Webcast
Jan 22, 2021

Speaking Engagement
Canadian Lawyer Magazine, “Commercial Litigation Update: Top Trends Impacting Clients Going into 2021”; Webcast
Nov 5, 2020

Speaking Engagement
The Advocates’ Society, “Top Class Action Cases of 2019”
Jan 20, 2020

Speaking Engagement
Moderator, The Advocates’ Society, “A Litigator’s Guide to the Business of Law”

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Nov 2, 2019

Speaking Engagement
Ontario Bar Association, 7th Annual Professional Issues for Business Lawyers, "Privilege and Board Meeting Minutes"
Oct 23, 2019

Speaking Engagement
Moderator, Law Society of Ontario, Class Actions Update
Nov 8, 2018

Speaking Engagement
Guest Lecturer, Osgoode Hall Law School, Master of Financial Accountability Program, "Directors' Duties"
Sep 1, 2018

Speaking Engagement
Moderator, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Combating Hate Speech and Anti-Semitism Conference, "Dealing with Online Hate"
Feb 13, 2018

Speaking Engagement
Guest Lecturer, Osgoode Hall Law School, Master of Financial Accountability Program, "Directors' Duties"
Nov 1, 2017

Guide
Developments in the Law of Evidence: The 2015-2016 Term, co-author
Jan 27, 2017
Supreme Court Law Review (LexisNexis Canada)

Speaking Engagement
The Advocates' Society, Sixth Annual Securities Symposium, "Cutting Edge Issues and Practice Tips in Secondary Market Class Actions"
Sep 12, 2016

Article
Litigating Class Actions: Canada vs United States, co-author
May 31, 2016
Lexpert

Speaking Engagement
Guest Lecturer, Osgoode Hall Law School, Business Law LLM Program, Corporate Governance Course
Apr 1, 2016

Guide
Developments in the Law of Evidence: The 2014-2015 Term, co-author
Jan 31, 2016
Supreme Court Law Review (LexisNexis Canada)

Guide
Developments in the Law of Evidence: The 2013-2014 Term, co-author
Jan 31, 2015

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Jan 31, 2014
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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

Doing Business in Canada
Nov 14, 2023

No Need to Disclose "Unsolicited, Inexpert, Premature and Unreliable" Opinions
Aug 16, 2022

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

Six Davies Litigators Named in *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 & Under List 2021
Jul 21, 2021

Education

University of Toronto, JD, 2009
McGill University, BA (Hons) (Political Science & History) (First Class Honours, Dean's List), 2006

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2010

Community Involvement

The Advocates' Society, 10+ Standing Committee, Practice Groups Standing Committee and Class Actions Practice Group Leadership Committee

Professional Affiliations

The Advocates' Society