

### **Partner**

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#### **Bar Admission**

Québec 1991

### Law School

McGill University

### Practices

Litigation and Dispute Resolution Professional Liability Securities Litigation Insurance Litigation

#### Industries

Hospitality
Insurance & Reinsurance
Pension Funds Group

Jean Lortie is a partner in our Litigation Group in Montréal. His practice focuses on civil and commercial litigation, including class actions; shareholders' remedies; corporate and securities litigation; insurance law; professional liability; construction law; product liability; property law and intellectual property law.

Mr. Lortie has appeared before a number of courts of first instance and appeals courts, as well as, certain administrative and regulatory boards. He is also a contributing author to the fifth edition of *Defending Class Actions in Canada*, published by LexisNexis.

In his practice, Mr. Lortie has acted for businesses in several different industries including the forest and natural resources industries; individual and group assurance; the manufacturing sector; telecommunications; and service and consumer sectors.

The following are only a few examples of matters handled by Mr. Lortie:

### **Class Actions**

- acting for corporate directors in the context of a claim in damages based on negligence, wrongful declarations and wrongful actions;
- acting for insurers in cases concerning "vanishing premiums" and the interpretation of group insurance policies;
- acting for a telecommunications company in consumer law matters relating to its billing;
- acting for an educational institution concerning fee setting and the content of its educational programs;
- acting for a business in a claim by forest industry workers;
- acting for a mutual fund business in a case relating to market timing.

### **Corporate Law and Securities Law**

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- acting for shareholders and businesses in oppression cases, both in cases where the client is the plaintiff and in cases where it is the defendant;
- acting for a business in a case concerning its stock-option plan;
- acting for businesses in cases relating to the determination of the fair value of their securities.

#### Construction

- acting for commercial property owners in cases concerning roof collapses and construction defects;
- acting for lenders in a dispute between the operator of a wind farm and the farm's builder;
- acting for owners, contractors or sub-contractors in cases involving performance bonds.

### Various Matters

- acting for a telecommunications business in commercial disputes involving its competitors or distributors;
- acting for a Crown corporation in civil and commercial cases;
- acting for businesses in Anton Piller injunction proceedings concerning copyright royalties or unfair competition;
- acting for businesses before the *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux*;
- acting for forestry industry businesses in some commercial disputes concerning, among other things, manufacturers' liability and in cases relating to distribution;
- acting for professionals in cases brought against them concerning civil liability.

Mr. Lortie received a combined bachelor's degree in civil law and common law (BCL/LLB) from McGill University in 1989. He was called to the Québec bar in 1991.

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## **Awards & Rankings**

### **Benchmark Litigation Canada**

Litigation Star

### **Best Lawyers in Canada**

Leading Lawyer in the area of Corporate and Commercial Litigation

### The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Litigation - Corporate Commercial

### **Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation**

Leading Lawyer

## **Recent Experience**

Canada Computational Unlimited Inc. is acquired by Capricorn Business
 Acquisitions Inc. for C\$32M through a reverse takeover

September 7, 2021

## **Recent Insights**

 Best Practices to Adopt in Reaction to the Unauthorized Communication or Retrieval of Privileged Information

September 19, 2022

 A Province Cannot Compel Internet Service Providers to Block Access to Websites: Online Communications Fall Under Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction

June 25, 2021

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