



# Trevor Courtis

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## Bar Admission

Ontario 2015

## Law School

University of Saskatchewan

## Practices

Bankruptcy & Restructuring

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**Applying his thoughtful and no-nonsense approach, Trevor assists clients in solving complex and high profile restructuring challenges and commercial disputes.**

Trevor Courtis is a partner in our Bankruptcy and Restructuring and Litigation Groups in Toronto. His practice focuses on corporate restructuring and insolvency matters and complex commercial litigation.

Trevor represents a diverse range of stakeholders in commercial restructuring and insolvency proceedings, including debtors, secured creditors, DIP lenders, monitors, trustees, receivers, suppliers and asset purchasers. Trevor has been involved in many significant Canadian and cross-border restructurings in recent years, including:

- CannTrust Holdings: Acted for CannTrust, a licensed producer of cannabis, in its restructuring proceedings under the CCAA.
- U.S. Steel Canada: Acted for U. S. Steel Canada (Stelco), one of Canada's largest integrated steel producers, in its restructuring proceedings under the CCAA.
- Takata Corporation: Acted for Takata Corporation and its affiliates in recognizing U.S. and Japanese restructuring proceedings in Canada under the CCAA.
- Hematite Holdings: Acted for Hematite Holdings Inc. and its affiliates in their restructuring proceedings under the CCAA and Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.
- Sears Canada Inc.: Acted for Buyers Group of Mississauga in its acquisition of the major appliance warranty business of Sears Canada.
- Acted as counsel to the court-appointed monitor in the following CCAA proceedings:
  - AgMedica Biosciences Inc., a licensed producer of cannabis based in Chatham-Kent, Ontario;

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- Vari-Form Inc., an automotive parts supplier based in Strathroy, Ontario;
- SunEdison Canada Construction LP, a developer of solar and wind power electricity generation projects as well as electricity storage projects in Ontario and Alberta; and
- Cash Store Financial Services Inc., an alternative financial services provider based in various Canadian provinces and territories.

Trevor is recognized as a thought leader in the restructuring and insolvency space, regularly writing for the firm's [Restructuring Roundup](#) blog. Trevor's articles have been published in major periodicals, including the Supreme Court Law Review, Banking & Finance Law Review and Commercial Insolvency Reporter.

Trevor also maintains a diverse commercial litigation practice including trial and appellate experience for financial institutions, applications for *Anton Piller, Mareva* and other highly contentious injunctive relief and debt enforcement matters. Trevor appears regularly before the Commercial List in Toronto and has appeared before many levels of judicial and administrative decision-makers in Ontario, including the Superior Court of Justice, the Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal. The significant matters that Trevor has obtained successful outcomes for clients in recent years include:

- *Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce v. Bloomforex Corp.*, 2020 ONSC 69: Successfully defended CIBC against summary judgment motion.
- *Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce v. Costodian Inc.*, 2018 ONSC 6680: Brought successful interpleader application in a contested matter.
- *1169822 Ontario Limited v. The Toronto-Dominion Bank*, 2018 ONSC 1631: Successfully defended The Toronto-Dominion Bank at trial against a claim brought by third party clients of a bank customer.
- Anton Piller Order: Obtained Anton Piller order permitting retrieval of sensitive and proprietary data belonging to automotive sector client from hacker.

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- **Emergency Injunctive Relief:** Obtained emergency injunctions on several occasions to remove trespassers from resource sector client assets.
- ***Patel v. Harriott*, 2017 ONCA 538:** Obtained order for specific performance of a residential property sale following the vendors' refusal to close, which was upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Trevor received his JD from the University of Saskatchewan College of Law in 2014, graduating in the top five percent of his class. During his time at Saskatchewan, he was awarded the College of Law Academic Excellence Scholarship, the BLG Excellence Award and the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Scholarship. Trevor completed his studies as a visiting student at Osgoode Hall in 2014. He served as an Editor of the Saskatchewan Law Review and the Osgoode Hall Review of Law and Policy and participated in the International Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in 2013.

Trevor was called to the Ontario Bar in 2015. He is a member of the Law Society of Ontario, the Turnaround Management Association, the Advocates' Society, the Toronto Lawyers Association, the Canadian Bar Association, and the Ontario Bar Association.

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