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Bar Admission

Québec 2012

Law School

University of Ottawa
University of Victoria

Practices

Class Actions
Corporate Commercial Litigation
Disputes and Litigation
Public Law
White Collar Defence and
Investigations
Competition Litigation

Gabriel is a partner in our litigation group whose practice focuses on white collar defence, crisis management, regulatory class actions, securities litigation, mergers & acquisitions litigation and judicial review of government actions. He has appeared before all levels of Québec courts as well as before commercial arbitrators, regulators, the Québec Securities Commission, IIROC and a commission of inquiry.

Gabriel is also a sought-after expert on the management of corporate criminal and regulatory risks. He has conducted a number of internal investigations on allegations of securities offences, data breaches, deficient control of cross-border movements of hazardous wastes, foreign and local corruption, oversight of international economic sanctions, theft of controlled information and bid-rigging. He writes and lectures frequently on securities litigation, anticorruption compliance, rules of debarment from public contracts, deferred prosecution agreements and administrative penalties.

Gabriel's recent experience includes acting on the following cases:

- Defending the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec and its real estate subsidiaries Ivanhoé Cambridge and Otéra Capital Holding against a wrongful dismissal and defamation claim brought by Otéra's former president, CEO and board chairman.
- Successfully defeated, all the way up to the Supreme Court of Canada, a class action based on the alleged infringement of securities legislation by group scholarship plans (Registered Education Savings Plans).
- Representing Québec-based companies before international arbitration tribunals in the context of disputes over distribution agreements.
- Defending Nouveau Monde Graphite, the developer of the world's first 100 % electric mine, in a dispute regarding the discovery of a graphite deposit.
- Successfully defeated a competitor's attempt to quash a decision of the Minister of Environment authorizing McInnis Cement to build a \$1 billion state-of-the-art cement plant in Port-Daniel, Gaspésie.

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- Representing public corporations and individuals in cross-border criminal and regulatory investigations.

Gabriel received a civil law degree from the University of Ottawa with the highest distinction and went on to complete a Juris Doctor degree at the University of Victoria. Before being called to the Québec bar, he clerked with the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Appeal, the Honourable Pierre Blais, whom he assisted in the adjudication of regulatory, administrative and national security law disputes. He was also an adjunct professor at the University of Ottawa where he taught contract law at the University of Ottawa and acted as an advisor to the University of Ottawa representatives in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Competition. He is a Young Governor of the Québec Bar Foundation since 2018.

Awards & Rankings

Benchmark Litigation Canada

Future Star

Benchmark 40 & Under Hot List

IFLR Rising Stars Awards Americas - 2020

Rising Star: White Collar Crime

Expert Guides

Rising Star: White Collar Defence

Recent Experience

- Endeavour Mining completes C\$1B all-stock acquisition of SEMAFO Inc.
July 01, 2020

Recent Insights

- Mapping the Rubicon: The Québec Court of Appeal Draws the Boundaries between Administrative Audits and Penal Investigations
May 04, 2020
- COVID-19: Recovery and Re-opening Tracker
December 01, 2021
- COVID-19: Emergency Measures Tracker
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- **Defrauded Canadian Investors Win Big in Vegas: Cross-Border Cooperation Leads to Disgorgement of Stolen Investments in the United States**

August 25, 2021

Events

- **Prevention and Detection of Risks of Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Within Companies: Forensic Accounting and Legal Perspectives**

February 26, 2019