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Bar Admission

Ontario 2014

Law School

University of Toronto

Practices

Disputes and Litigation
Appellate Litigation
Corporate Commercial Litigation
Public Law

Industries

Global Metals & Mining
Communications

Richard Lizius is a member of our Litigation Group in Toronto. He maintains a general litigation practice, with a focus on complex commercial disputes, including telecommunications and banking law, judicial review and administrative law, appellate law and advertising law.

Richard has particular expertise representing businesses and individuals in highly regulated industries. Those mandates include integrating litigation, judicial review and appeal strategy into a broader regulatory strategy and providing pre-litigation advice.

Richard has appeared as counsel before all levels of court in Ontario, including the Ontario Court of Appeal, as well as the Federal Court, Federal Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada.

Richard's notable engagements include:

- Appearing as counsel for two parties in the "administrative law trilogy" currently under reserve at the Supreme Court of Canada (and as counsel before the Federal Court of Appeal);
- Appearing as counsel for major Canadian telecommunications companies in numerous appeals of CRTC decisions, including as lead counsel;
- Appearing as counsel for a major Canadian bank in a precedent-setting fraud trial;
- Appearing as appeals counsel on a leading litigation funding case in Ontario;
- Representing a major Canadian bank in a conspiracy class action;
- Representing Canadian media companies in innovative Internet piracy cases;
- Representing Canadian media companies in constitutional challenges to advertising decisions, including by a controversial political campaign;
- Representing Canadian broadcasting companies in major patent litigation in respect of IPTV services, and
- Acting as counsel in constitutional and administrative law litigation concerning fisheries regulation.

In 2016-2017 Richard completed a secondment at a major telecommunications company where he worked on developing a litigation and regulatory strategy to respond to Internet piracy.

Richard regularly volunteers as duty counsel through Pro Bono Ontario.

Before joining the firm, Richard clerked for Madam Justice Andromache Karakatsanis at the Supreme Court of Canada.

Richard received his J.D. from the University of Toronto in 2013. He graduated as the Gold Medalist and won academic prizes for contract

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law, property law and legal process and ethics. Richard received his B. A. in Political Science from the University of Toronto in 2010 as the Gold Medalist in political science. At university, he was actively involved in debating and mooted, winning prizes as the second place debater in the world, and as top debater at the North American University Debating Championship and at the Canadian National University Debating Championship.

Richard is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Awards & Rankings

Best Lawyers in Canada

Ones to Watch: Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Recent Experience

- **Rogers Communications Inc. agrees to acquire Shaw Communications with Bank of America as financial advisor**
March 14, 2021
- **Ontario Court of Appeal releases its decision in Reddock v. Canada**
March 08, 2020
- **NFL and Bell Canada successful in the Supreme Court of Canada in overturning the CRTC decision regarding substitution of U.S. ads during the SuperBowl**
December 18, 2019
- **Bell appeals CRTC decision to impose the "Wholesale Code"**
September 30, 2018

Recent Insights

- **The Supreme Court of Canada simplifies the standard of review analysis in historic Super Bowl trilogy**
December 20, 2019
- **The Supreme Court of Canada simplifies the standard of review analysis in historic Super Bowl trilogy**
December 19, 2019
- **Galantis v Alexiou: No Oppression after Dissolution**
April 18, 2019