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Bar Admission

Québec 1991

Law School

McGill University

Practices

Disputes and Litigation
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

- 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;

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- 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.

Awards & Rankings

Benchmark Litigation Canada

Litigation Star

Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation

Leading Lawyer

Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading Lawyer in the area of Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Recent Experience

- **Canada Computational Unlimited Inc. acquired by Capricorn Business Acquisitions Inc. for C\$32M through a reverse takeover**
September 07, 2021
- **Québec Port Authority and IMTT-Québec successful in dispute surrounding the application of Quebec's Environment Quality Act on port and IMTT operations**
April 16, 2020
- **Bell Media defeats interlocutory injunction from Videotron**
January 20, 2020

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Recent Insights

- **A Province Cannot Compel Internet Service Providers to Block Access to Websites: Online Communications Fall Under Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction**
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- **A Province Cannot Compel Internet Service Providers to Block Access to Websites: Online Communications Fall Under Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction**
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- **Trio of Recent Supreme Court of Canada Decisions Signals Provinces Cannot Impede Federal Undertakings under the Guise of Environmental Protection**
April 28, 2020

Events

- **5th Edition Defending Class Actions in Canada Book Launch**
February 20, 2020