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education and year of call

- Called to the Ontario bar - 2012
- University of Western Ontario, JD - 2011
- Queen's University, BA (Hons) - 2008

practice areas

business litigation
class actions
product liability
appellate advocacy
litigation

industries

pharmaceuticals
retail
life sciences
automotive
manufacturing, distribution and retail

profile

Calie is a partner in the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group. She has experience in class action defence, product liability, banking and financial services litigation, and complex contractual and commercial disputes. She routinely represents and advises clients in the automotive, consumer product, life sciences, and financial services industries.

Calie has developed expertise in the strategy of coordinating complex class action defence across the Canadian provinces. She has defended clients in class proceedings involving automobiles, pharmaceutical products, electronic devices, financial services, building products, and a variety of consumer protection matters. Calie forms part of an experienced McMillan class action defence team that has achieved multiple successes in all stages of a class proceedings for leading companies and institutions.

Calie also maintains an active commercial litigation practice covering a wide range of legal disputes, and regularly advises clients on settlement strategy, early case assessment and risk management. She has acted for chartered banks in lender liability and debt recovery litigation, as well as a wide range of manufacturers in a host of product liability claims. Calie acts in shareholder and securities disputes, and has experience in oppression applications, senior management wrongful termination litigation, and covenant enforcement claims.

Calie has appeared as lead counsel before all levels of court in Ontario. She has acted as trial counsel before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, argued in Federal Court, and regularly appears before Judges of the Toronto Commercial List. Calie is also committed to Pro Bono service, and volunteers as Duty

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Counsel for Pro Bono Law Ontario.

Calie is actively involved with the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, and was selected to serve as a Young Lawyers Leadership Program (YLLP) fellow for the 2017 and 2018 terms. Calie is the co-chair of International Class Actions in the ABA Section of Litigation Class Actions and Derivative Suites sub-committee, a sub-committee co-chair in the Woman Advocate Committee, and frequently participates in the ABA as a speaker and content provider. Calie is also Co-Chair of Appellate Advocacy for the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS).

Calie joined McMillan as a summer student, and articulated with the firm before her call to the Ontario bar in 2012. She received her BA from Queen's University and earned her JD from the University of Western Ontario.

directorships and professional associations

- Advocates' Society
- American Bar Association
- Defence Research Institute
- Ontario Bar Association

representative matters

Recent Matters Include:

- Successfully defeating certification of a class proceeding involving allegedly defective mobile devices
- Successfully resisting an injunction brought in connection with a shareholder and employment dispute
- Representing a global pharmaceutical manufacturer in successfully defeating certification in a product liability class action, and successfully defending that decision through two levels of appeal
- Successfully defended Royal Bank of Canada at trial against a \$12 million claim involving lender liability and agricultural commodity hedging
- Representing a leading auto manufacturer in the defence of multiple national class actions and a variety of product liability claims
- Representing a building products manufacturer in connection with class action settlement approval and administration
- Representing a money transfer services company in national class actions
- Successfully defended Royal Bank of Canada against an action seeking to realize upon fraudulent instruments, and

successfully prosecuted the bank's counterclaim at trial

- Representing Miller Brewing Company in a dispute with MolsonCoors regarding a Canadian license agreement
- Acting for a leading concrete construction firm in proceedings against a North American cement producer

Selected Decisions:

- *Richardson v Samsung*, 2018 ONSC 6130
- *Boni v. Leonardo Worldwide Corporation*, 2018 ONSC 1875
- *Batten v. Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd.*, 2017 ONSC 6098 (Divisional Court), leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal dismissed, 2018 CarswellOnt 8486 (ONCA)
- *Batten v. Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd.*, 2017 ONSC 53 and 2015 ONSC 7821
- *XPG, A Partnership v. Royal Bank of Canada*, 2017 ONSC 2598, 2016 ONSC 3508
- *Palmerston Grain v. Royal Bank of Canada*, 2015 CarswellOnt 15465 and 2014 ONSC 5134
- *RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust v. Goran Capital Inc.*, 2016 ONSC 1138 (Commercial List)
- *Granite Insurance Company v. Pembridge Insurance Company*, 2014 ONSC 5781 (Commercial List) and 2015 ONSC 1251 (Div. Ct.)
- *Granite Insurance Company v. Pembridge Insurance Company*, 2015 CarswellOnt 14719
- *RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust v. Goran Capital Inc.*, 2016 ONSC 1138 (Commercial List)
- *Glube v. Pella*, 2013 ONSC 6164
- *Molson Canada 2005 v. Miller Brewing Company*, 2013 ONSC 2758 (Commercial List)
- *Novartis Consumer Health Canada Inc. v. Health Canada and the Minister of Health*, 2013 FC 508
- *Rehman International v. Royal Bank of Canada*, 2013 ONSC 2591

awards and rankings

- Cheryl Stacey Leadership in Mentoring Award (2018)
- ABA Young Lawyer Leadership Program Fellow (2017 and 2018)
- Geoff Weller Memorial Prize, Canadian Association of Security and Intelligence Studies (CASIS)
- Alexander MacLachlan Peace Prize, Queen's University
- Dean's Honours List, Queen's University

publications

December 2017

Product Regulation, Safety and Recall Q&A: Canada
Practical Law – Thomson Reuters

December 2017

Product Liability Q&A: Canada
Practical Law – Thomson Reuters

June 2015

The Duty to Negotiate in Good Faith in Commercial Contracts,
Before and After Bhasin
Law Society of Upper Canada - The Six Minute Business
Lawyer

March 2015

The Supreme Court of Canada Recognises a New Duty of
Honesty in Contractual Performance
Financier Worldwide

January 2015

Let's Be Honest, eh: The New Canadian Duty of Honesty in
Contractual Performance
Deal Points, Winter 2015 (Volume XX, Issue 1)

November 2014

Let's Be Honest: The New Duty of Good Faith in Contractual
Performance
Litigation Bulletin

presentations

May 2018

New Developments in International Representative, Consumer,
and Class Actions
American Bar Association, 2018 Paris Sessions, Paris, France

February 2018

Defending Your (Our? Their?) Product: Strategies for Various
Stakeholders in Complex Supply Chains (Content Provider)
Defence Research Institute

February 22, 2017

Class Actions: Case Law Update and Strategic Implications
Canadian Defence Lawyers – Defending Products Claims

June 10, 2015

Update on the Duty of Good Faith in Commercial Negotiations
(*Bhasin v. Hrynew*)
Law Society of Upper Canada - The Six Minute Business Lawyer

January 2015

Let's Be Honest: The New Canadian Duty of Honesty in
Contractual Performance



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