

# LISA PARLIAMENT

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Lisa Parliament is a highly respected litigation and dispute resolution partner with a practice that emphasizes class action defence and high-stakes product liability, consumer protection, and competition litigation. Lisa's reputation and expertise has been acknowledged in numerous Canadian and international directories, including *Chambers and Partners*, where she is recognized as a rising star and described as "extremely skilled and knowledgeable"; and *Who's Who Legal*, where she is recognized as a global leader and a national leader who "frequently provides outstanding counsel in high-profile class action proceedings." She is also recognized in *Best Lawyers in Canada* and *Benchmark Litigation: Canada*.

Regularly retained to act for some of the world's leading companies, Lisa provides representation in litigation and advice on regulatory issues. She also acts as national or global coordinating and lead counsel to a number of companies, assisting with multijurisdictional management and the resolution of complex matters.

Lisa has extensive experience as lead national counsel in Canadian class action proceedings. She has acted in precedent-setting cases on key issues relating to class action procedure, pre-certification dismissal or discontinuance of class actions, defence recovery of costs, cross-border and multijurisdictional discovery, and settlement. She also advises and represents companies in multijurisdictional investigations and proceedings on matters relating to privacy and data breaches, as well as competition and compliance.

Frequently acting as lead counsel in international and cross-border regulatory, cartel and conspiracy investigations and litigation, Lisa has extensive experience defending investigations by Canada's Competition Bureau and the Director of Public Prosecutions. She has defended many recent class action cases alleging anti-competitive activities relating to auto parts, air cargo and passengers, aftermarket auto lights, hydrogen peroxide and chocolate.

Lisa is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She has been involved in a number of domestic and international arbitrations, and has acted as assistant to the tribunal in significant international arbitrations. Lisa also taught business dispute resolution as an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School.

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**Expertise:** Class Actions, Competition, Antitrust & Foreign Investment, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Product Liability & Regulation

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**Position/Title:** Partner, Class Actions | Product Liability & Regulation

**Directorships & Affiliations:**

- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society
- Defense Research Institute

**Publications:**

- "Product Regulation, Safety and Recall Q&A: Canada," Practical Law – Thomson Reuters (December 2017)
- "Product Liability Q&A: Canada," Practical Law – Thomson Reuters (December 2017)
- "[Getting the Deal Through – Private Antitrust Litigation 2016](#)," Canada Chapter, Law Business Research (2016)
- "Recent Developments for Pharmaceutical Class Actions in Canada," RX for the Defense (June 2014)
- "Chapter: "Indirect Purchaser Litigation in Canada"," *Indirect Purchaser Litigation Handbook* ABA (2014)
- "Recent Developments for Pharmaceutical Class Actions in Canada," RX for the Defense (June 2014)
- "Chapter: "Indirect Purchaser Litigation in Canada" *Indirect Purchaser Litigation Handbook* ABA (2014)
- "The Indirect Purchaser Trilogy in the Supreme Court of Canada," ABA Business Torts & RICO News (December 2012)
- "Protecting Protective Orders: Misuse of U.S. Discovery in Canadian Antitrust Litigation," Antitrust (Summer 2012)
- (February 2012) "Forum Shopping North of the Border," Think Globally, For the Defence
- "Ten tips to successfully obtain evidence in Canada for use in a foreign proceeding," Think Globally, For the Defence (2011)
- "Chapter: "Canada: Private Antitrust Litigation"," *The Antitrust Review of the Americas 2012* (2011)
- "Chapter: Civil Procedure in Canada," (co-author), DRI Defense Practice Form Book, Defense Research Institute (2008)
- "Product Liability Defenses: A State-by-State Compendium (Canada Chapter)," (2007)

- "A Guide to Arbitration In Canada," Leonard Ricchetti and Brad Hanna of McMillan LLP (April 2006)
- "Canada's Post-Chicago Approach to Predation," British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 2004 Competition Conference (2004)

#### **Education & Admissions:**

**Degree:** Called to the Ontario bar

**Year:** 2004

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**Degree:** JD

**University:** University of Toronto

**Year:** 2003

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**Degree:** BA (Honours with Distinction)

**University:** University of Guelph

**Year:** 1996

#### **Rankings & Recognition:**

- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2022) as a leading lawyer in the area of Litigation: Products Liability
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in Canada (2022) as a leading lawyer in the areas of Class Action Litigation and Product Liability Law
- Recognized in the *2021 Benchmark Litigation: Canada Guide*
- Recognized by the Best Lawyers in Canada (2021) as a leading lawyer in the areas of Class Action Law and Product Liability Law
- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Canada 2020 as a leader in Product Liability Defence
- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2021) as a leading lawyer in the area of Litigation: Products Liability
- Listed in the *2020 Benchmark Litigation: Canada Guide* as a Future Star
- *Listed in Who's Who Legal: Canada 2019* as a leader in Product Liability Defence
- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2020) as a leading lawyer in the area of Litigation: Product Liability
- Recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada (2020) as a leading lawyer in the area of Product Liability Law
- Listed in Who's Who Legal Canada: 2018 as a leader in Product Liability Defence
- Recognized by The Best Lawyers in Canada (2019) as a leading lawyer in the area of Product Liability Law
- Ranked by Lexpert Guide (2018) as a leading US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyer in Canada
- Recognized in The Best Lawyers in Canada (2018) as a leading lawyer in the area of Product Liability Law

- Named in Who's Who Legal Canada: Product Liability Defence 2017
- Awarded the Leadership in Mentoring Award (2012)
- Recipient of the Law Society First Prize in the Ontario-wide bar admission courses (2004)

**Speaking Engagements:**

- "Class Actions for Regulatory Breaches" - Managing Regulatory Risks: Compliance, Inspections and Investigations Lexpert  
- December 2015

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- "Financing Class Actions" Third Party Litigation Financing – Opportunity, Threat or Both?, Corporate Counsel Seminar  
- August 2014

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- Private Competition Litigation in Canada Private Antitrust Enforcement, University of Bergamo and New York State Bar Association

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- Consumer Product Safety Law Reform in Canada DRI Product Liability Conference  
- 2011

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- Best Practices for Corporate Document Retention Policies Speaker, The Six-Minute Business Lawyer 2014, The Law Society of Upper Canada  
- June 2014

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- Email Communications and e-Discovery: Is Your Organization at Risk? Corporate Counsel Series  
- January 2014

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- "Privacy Litigation" - Information Privacy and Data Protection: Technology, Security and Corporate Accountability in Today's Marketplace Lexpert  
- December 2013

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- Opting In? The Global Effect of Class Action Orders and Potential Conflicts of Law Speaker, American Bar Association, Section of International Law  
- April 2013

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- Staying Kleen: Predictive Coding and Antitrust Litigation Speaker, American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law
- March 2013

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- Privacy Litigation Lexpert Conference - Information Privacy & Data Protection: Technology, Security and Corporate Responsibility in Today's Marketplace
  - December 2012

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- Canada's Consumer Product Safety Act: The Year in Review Corporate Counsel Series
  - November 2012

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- Update on Class Actions Panel for the Canadian segment of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Antitrust Law teleseminar series entitled "Navigating the Globe: Cartel Enforcement Around the World"
  - January 2012

#### **Representative Matters:**

- Representing a medical device company in litigation alleging injury and death relating to use of a medical device;
- Representing a leading pharmaceutical company in connection with indemnity advice;
- Representing a leading pharmaceutical company in product liability litigation in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, including proposed national class actions;
- Representing a leading pharmaceutical company in a class proceeding in British Columbia involving product liability and consumer protection allegations;
- Representing a medical device company in connection with numerous claims alleging negligent manufacture;
- Representing a financial services company in proposed national class proceedings and related litigation involving privacy and data breach allegations;
- Representing a trust company in national class proceedings;
- Representing a developer in proposed class proceedings in Ontario;
- Act as preferred national lead counsel for a multinational company with respect to product liability claims;
- Act as national coordinating counsel for a financial services company, providing advice, advocacy and management of a national claims portfolio;
- Act as national coordinating counsel for a financial services company, managing and coordinating claims

across Canada's common law jurisdictions;

- Providing risk management advice and training to leading national and multinational companies and organizations on data and document creation, storage, access, management and destruction protocols and policies;
- Defending a global chemical manufacturer in competition class proceedings in jurisdictions across Canada;
- Acting as national counsel to a major global manufacturer in connection with their product liability litigation across Canada;
- Defending a number of major airlines in multijurisdictional class proceedings involving consumer protection and competition allegations;
- Representing a global industrial corporation and chemical manufacturer in national and province-wide class proceedings in jurisdictions across Canada;
- Representing auto parts companies in multijurisdictional class proceedings involving consumer protection and competition allegations;
- Acting as national coordinating counsel for a leading company, with oversight responsibility for more than 100 active cases across Canada;
- Representing a leading automobile company in a national privacy class proceeding.

**Practices:** Class Actions, Competition, Antitrust & Foreign Investment, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Product Liability & Regulation