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Within his transportation, class actions and defence practice, Robin provides advice to private and public sector clients.

He has extensive experience representing:

- ship owners and P&I Clubs in actions involving domestic and international shipping
- aviation insurers in collision and casualty claims
- OEMs in the defence of class actions and product liability claims
- municipalities in the defence of police officers
- lawyers in the defence of professional negligence claims

Robin advocates for his clients and has tried cases at all levels of Ontario Courts, in the Federal Court, and in various tribunals.

His defence experience includes complex casualty matters and class actions involving multiple parties and inter-jurisdictional and cross border insurance issues.

In addition to Robin's court experience, he advises transportation clients on corporate matters and liability and risk management issues, including:

- drafting of service agreements
- contracts
- liability releases

- indemnity agreements
- governance issues
- labour and employment matters

Robin is the National Leader of BLG's Transportation Focus Group and the Toronto Leader of BLG's Maritime Focus Group.

Experience

- Led the BLG team defending a major OEM in a multi-jurisdictional class action involving vehicle emissions.
- Successfully defended a Canadian shipowner in an action regarding property damage and personal injury related to a vessel's wake.
- Led the BLG team assisting a Canadian mining company in establishing a freight forwarding subsidiary to allow it to diversify and strengthen its business.

Insights & Events

- 2030 Emissions reduction plan and Canada's journey to net zero
- Panelist, "Autonomous Ferries: The need for a regulatory framework," Canadian Ferry Association, March 2022.
- BLG Talks Transportation
- Business insurance trends: Climate change litigation, D&O risk, force majeure and transport insurance
- Ontario Court of Appeal upholds new judgment high for FLA claim
- Autonomy on the roads: Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Supply chains in a post-pandemic world
- BLG Talks Transportation series: Supply chain – Hot Topics and What's Next
- Achieving clarity in contracts and arbitration agreements
- Full steam ahead: Recent developments in maritime autonomous technology
- Defamatory statements against regulated professions may not attract public interest
- Air passenger protections: an analysis and comparison between Canada and the European Union
- Transport Canada marine incident reporting obligations and rights
- Above and beyond: simply signing a waiver may not be enough
- Co-author, "[Getting Ready for Take Off — New rules to consider when using drones in a maritime environment](#)", *Canadian Shipper*, January 2020.
- The Sensor: Unfamiliar waters: Navigating autonomous vessels' potential and perils
- Federal Court Decision Highlights Importance of Proper Transportation Contract Terms
- Amendments To The Transportation Of Dangerous Goods Regulations (Emergency Response Assistance Plan)
- Canada Implements Nairobi Convention On Wrecks
- Transport Canada Announces Changes to the Canadian Aviation Regulations to Address Flight Crew Fatigue
- Legalization Of Cannabis In Canada And Vessel Operation
- Speaker, "Case Studies: Shippers & Carriers / Cargo Claims: Move Fast, Move Slow but Protect Your Interests," Canadian Transport Lawyers Association, October 2018.
- Speaker, "Practical and Regulatory Concerns for Operators of Autonomous Ships and their Insurers," Transport Canada Workshop on Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), September 2018.

- Speaker, "Autonomous Vessels," Maritime Law Seminar (Montréal), December 2017.
- Co-author, "United States Court of Appeals (6th Circuit) Provides a New Interpretation of Article 17(1) of the Montreal Convention," BLG Insurance & Tort Liability Alert, September 2017

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Board Member, Canadian Transport Lawyers Association
- Member, Transportation Lawyers Association
- Member, Toronto Marine Club
- Member, Canadian Maritime Law Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, Pro Bono Law Ontario's access to justice initiatives at Superior court and the Court of Appeal
- Member, BLG's Pro Bono team

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* as the 2022 'Lawyer of the Year' in Toronto for Transportation Law
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2016) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Shipping & Maritime Law)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Transportation: Shipping)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2020) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* (Insurance Law) and in the 2022 edition (and since 2021) (Personal Injury Litigation, Transportation Law)
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Doyle's Guide : Leading Transport Lawyers – Canada*
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of *Who's Who Legal Canada* (Shipping & Maritime)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2006
- LLB, Queen's University, 2005
- Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation, Lakehead University, 1993, Honours



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