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Chris is a senior litigation partner. He acts for clients in issues relating to:

- commercial disputes
- shareholder, oppression and other corporate disputes
- corporate restructuring
- directors' and officers' duties and liabilities
- class actions
- anti-piracy actions
- public law, including constitutional, administrative and First Nations

Chris has appeared as counsel before all levels of the courts in Ontario, and before the Federal Court of Appeal, British Columbia Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Canada, and numerous administrative tribunals, including the Ontario Securities Commission.

Chris joined BLG in 1984, and became a partner 1988; he was seconded to the Government of Ontario from 1989-93, where he served as Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of Federal Provincial Relations and as Assistant Deputy Minister, Constitutional Policy and Special Counsel.

Prior to joining BLG, Chris was law clerk to Mr. Justice McIntyre of the Supreme Court of Canada from 1979-80, and was a stagiaire with the Conseil d'État (Council of State) in Paris, France, in 1983.

Chris is bilingual. He has served as an elected Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario from 2008-2019, where he chaired the Audit & Finance Committee, and served as vice-chair of the appeal panel of the Law Society Tribunal.

He is the chair of BLG's Public Law Group.

Chris provides legal services through a Law Corporation.

Insights & Events

- Ward v. Québec: Supreme Court narrowly rejects discriminatory speech, BLG Article, November 2021
- Significant New Statutory Protections for Journalistic Sources Affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada, BLG Article, October 2019
- Instructor, "Certificate Programme in Adjudication for Administrative Agencies, Boards & Tribunals," Osgoode Hall CPD and SOAR, May 2019.
- Co-author, "With a Little Help from Too Many Friends? Lessons from TWU and Comeau on Intervening Before the Supreme Court," Public Interest Litigation in Canada, April 2019 (with Ewa Krajewska and Mannu Chowdhury).
- Speaker, "Appellate Advocacy," Commonwealth Law Association Conference, Zambia, April 2019.
- Speaker, "Managing Evidentiary Challenges," Advanced Certificate in Adjudication for Administrative Agencies, Boards & Tribunals," Osgoode Hall CPD and SOAR, January 2019.
- Supreme Court of Canada Strikes down the Mandatory Victim Surcharge, BLG Article, December 2018
- Supreme Court Releases its decision in the "Free the Beer Case", BLG Article, April 2018
- Co-author, "R. v. Comeau: A Crack in the Wall?" Osgoode Hall Law School, 2018 Constitutional Cases Conference, April 2019 (with Ewa Krajewska and Ben Shakinovsky).
- Speaker, "Procedural Fairness," Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional LLM Program, November 2016.
- Co-author, "The Standing of Administrative Tribunals on Judicial Review," Law Society of Ontario, The Six Minute Administrative Lawyer, March 2016 (with Graham Splawski).
- Co-author, "Procedural Fairness in Administrative Decision Making: A Principled Approach to the Standard of Review," Osgoode Hall Law School, 10th Annual National Forum on Administrative Law & Practice, November 2014.
- Co-author, "Doré – All the Glitters is not Gold," Osgoode Hall Law School, 2013 Constitutional Cases: The 17th Annual Analysis of Constitutional Decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada, April 2014.
- Co-author, "R. v. Conway: UnChartered Territory for Administrative Tribunals," Osgoode PD, 2010 Constitutional Cases: The 14th Annual Analysis of the Constitutional Decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada, April 2011.
- Co-author, "R. v. Bryan: The Supreme Court and the Electoral Process," Osgoode Hall Law School 2007 Constitutional Cases Symposium, April 2008.
- Co-author, "Breaking the Law's Grip on Equality: A New Paradigm for Section 15," Osgoode Hall Law School, 2002 Supreme Court Constitutional Cases Symposium, April 2003; cited by the Supreme Court of Canada in R. v. Kapp, 2008, SCC 41
- Co-author, "The Increasing Irrelevance of Section 1 of the Charter," CBA – Department of Justice National Conference on the Charter, April 2001
- Co-author, Freedom of Expression and the Media: Cases and Materials, (2 vol.), Osgoode Hall Law School.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Elected Bencher, Law Society of Ontario, 2008-2019; Co-Chair, Audit and Finance Committee; Vice-Chair, Appeal Panel; Member, Priority and Planning Committee
- Trustee, Law Commission of Ontario, 2008-2014; Chair, Governance Committee
- Member, Ontario Judicial Council, 2016-present
- Past Chair, Ontario Bar Association, Constitutional and Civil Liberties, and Administrative Law Sections
- Adjunct Professor, Freedom of Expression and the Media, Osgoode Hall Law School, 1990-present
- Adjunct Professor, Advanced Administrative Law, University of Toronto, 1984-1990
- Member, The Advocates' Society, Canadian Bar Association and American Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Past Chair, Canadian Organization for Development through Education (CODE) – a charity focused on women's and children's literacy in Africa; Past Chair, Governance Committee
- Member, McMichael Canadian Art Collection Foundation, 2016-present

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Litigation: Administrative & Public Law - Ontario) and in the 2022 edition (and since 2016) (Litigation: General Commercial - Ontario).
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2020) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- Recipient of a Law Society Medal at the 2022 Law Society of Ontario Awards
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2006) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Administrative and Public Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation).
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2013) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Indigenous Law, Litigation: Corporate Commercial, Litigation: Regulatory & Public Law, Professional Liability).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2013) of *The Lexpert® Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Commercial Litigation).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2013) of *The Lexpert®/Report on Business Special Edition – Litigation*.
- Recognized in the 2021 edition (and since 2015) of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Local Litigation Star: Ontario" and a "Litigation Star: Class Actions, Commercial, Professional Liability and Securities."
- Recognized as a 2019 Acritas Star (and since 2017).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1984
- DSU, Universite de Paris II, 1983
- LLM, Yale University, 1981
- LLB (with Distinction), Western University, 1979
- BA, Economics, Western University, 1979



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