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Disputes
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Zev is a commercial litigator whose practice focuses on complex contract disputes, contested corporate transactions, securities, class action defence, product liability and competition. He is often engaged to act on matters involving oppression remedies, proxy contests, plans of arrangement and corporate governance matters.

Zev also maintains an active white collar defence and investigations practice, regularly leading internal investigations and responding to regulatory, criminal and quasi-criminal investigations and enforcement matters related to economic sanctions, corruption, anti-money laundering, national security, securities and fraud.

Zev has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario, the Federal Court, Tax Court of Canada and several administrative tribunals across Canada, including the Ontario Securities Commission.

Experience

- Kiwa N.V., a Netherlands-based testing, inspection and certification organization, in connection with its agreement to acquire the Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC) business of CSA Group for approximately C$2.1 billion.

- Qvantel, a global leader in digital BSS, in its strategic acquisition of Optiva (TSX:OPT), a leader in cloud-native charging and agentic AI BSS capabilities.
- Counsel to RFA Capital Holdings Inc. in its business combination with Artis Real Estate Investment Trust to form RFA Financial.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Canada's proposed Financial Crimes Agency: A new era of financial crime enforcement", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "To disclose, or not to disclose, that is the question", BLG Article, January 2025

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society

Community Involvement

- Board Member, UJA Genesis
- Board Member, Canadian Young Judea

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition of *Chambers Canada* (Litigation: General Commercial (Ontario) & Sports Law (Nationwide))
- Recognized in the 2026 (and since 2024) edition of the *Best Lawyers in Canada* as "Ones to Watch" (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2016

- JD, University of Windsor, 2015
- H.B.A., Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario, 2013

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