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Graham Splawski is trusted by some of Canada's largest corporations to manage their highest risk, most complex disputes and investigations with creativity and precision. He is a core member of BLG's securities and class actions teams, delivering landmark results in prominent civil litigation and regulatory matters.

Graham secured a **major victory** for **Amazon** in a proposed employment class action brought on behalf of 73,000 delivery drivers; achieved **complete exoneration** for Cormark Securities, one of Canada's largest independent investment banks, in an Ontario Securities Commission prosecution; and regularly represents major financial institutions like Scotiabank and Bank of Montreal, including at the **Supreme Court of Canada** in the leading case on bills of exchange and cheque fraud. He also regularly advises on **confidential internal and regulatory investigations**.

Graham is ranked by *Chambers Canada* as a leading securities litigator. Clients describe him as someone who is "strategic and commercial", "can cut to the chase and get to the bottom of issues" and as "incredibly responsive," a "very effective people manager," and having "a high degree of knowledge and professionalism." He has been recognized by Benchmark Litigation as a Future Star since 2023.

A skilled trial lawyer, Graham has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario including the Commercial List, the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal, regulatory tribunals, arbitrators and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Graham's areas of focus include:

- class actions, including securities, employment, consumer, banking and competition actions
- mergers and acquisitions litigation
- securities regulation, including internal investigations
- shareholder disputes, including oppression claims and proxy fights
- banking litigation, including bills of exchange and debtor/creditor litigation
- general commercial litigation, including contractual and enforcement matters, and fraud

Experience

- Counsel to **Guardian Capital Group** Limited in its $1.67 billion go-private transaction with Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc.
- Representing **Scotiabank** in an appeal to the Supreme Court concerning cheque fraud and bills of exchange
- Representing **Amazon** in a class action brought on behalf of over 70,000 delivery drivers claiming for alleged unpaid wages and benefits
- Representing **Cormark Securities** in an Ontario Securities Commission prosecution alleging breaches of securities law
- Representing **Mackenzie Financial** in a class action alleging prospectus misrepresentation and breach of trust
- Representing a syndicate of underwriters in a class action alleging prospectus misrepresentation and secondary market misrepresentation
- Acting for public companies and registrants in confidential internal and regulatory investigations
- Representing **BMO** in a class action concerning a fraud committed by a BMO customer
- Representing **AIC Limited** in a class action alleging breach of trust related to market timing
- Representing **Deutsche Bank** in class actions alleging price fixing in the foreign exchange, sovereign bonds and precious metals markets
- Representing **Samsung** in a class action alleging price fixing in the DRAM market
- Representing **CanniMed Therapeutics** in defence of a hostile takeover bid and proxy fight
- Representing **Industrial Alliance Securities** in an action concerning a former investment dealer
- Representing **ClearFlow Energy Finance** in a precedent-setting successful appeal concerning the enforceability of loan agreements and the Interest Act
- Representing **Globalive Capital** in a litigation concerning the purchase of Wind Mobile
- Representing **Dolly Varden Silver Corp.** in defence of a hostile takeover bid
- Representing a major insurer in fraud recovery proceedings, including obtaining Anton Piller Orders (civil search), Mareva injunctions (asset freezing) and Norwich Pharmacal Orders (pre-action discovery)

Insights & Events

- Author, "A new era for civil litigation in Ontario: Highlights from the Civil Rules Review final report", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "OSC draws a hard line on confidentiality in cross-border litigation", BLG Article, December 2025

- Author, "Lundin Mining v. Markowich: Has there been a material change to “material change”?", BLG Article, December 2025
- Author, "Waterous quenches Greenfire’s poison pill", BLG Article, September 2025
- Author, "From red flags to repercussions: What CCOs and UDPs need to know about the new landscape of gatekeeper obligations", BLG Article, July 2025
- Author, "Major proposed reforms to Ontario's Rules of Civil Procedure", BLG Article, April 2025
- Author, "Simply the best (evidence): Capital Markets Tribunal rules on read-ins", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "OCMT chokes on Bitfarms 15 per cent poison pill", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "OSC short-selling prosecution dismissed", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Howdy (limited) partner: Six key features of Ontario limited partnerships", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Discharged bankrupts may be exempt from administrative penalties: Poonian v. British Columbia (Securities Commission)", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "After the handshake: Good faith obligations in pre-contractual M&A agreements", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Commercial litigation year in review: 5 notable dispute decisions from 2023", BLG Article, January 2024
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal upholds approval of plan of arrangement despite employee objections", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "Where there’s smoke: No presumption of loss in breach of honest performance", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "Delivery driver class action against Amazon stayed and certification dismissed", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "Prospectus misrepresentation securities class action dismissed against underwriters", BLG Article, December 2022
- Author, "The iMessage and WhatsApp Trap: Compliance with record-keeping obligations in the BYOD era", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Ontario court dismisses automotive class action alleging false advertising on labels", BLG Article, August 2022
- Author, "Top 10 commercial decisions of 2021", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "First class action dismissed for delay under new Ontario Class Proceedings Act", BLG Article, January 2022
- Author, "Cineplex awarded $1.24 billion judgment in takeover fight", BLG Article, December 2021
- Presenter, "The Advocates’ Society Eleventh Annual Securities Symposium," September 23, 2021
- Author, "Canada’s key commercial cases of 2020 – What you should know and why they matter", BLG Article, April 2021
- Author, "Trash Talk: Supreme Court considers contractual discretion in good faith", BLG Article, February 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Ontario Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Coach, McGill's Corporate/Securities Moot Team

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2026) of *Chambers Canada* (Litigation: Securities (Ontario)).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a Litigation Star
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2023) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada's* “40 & Under Hot List”.
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2023) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada* as a "Future Star"

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2015

- LLB, BCL, McGill University, 2014
- MA, McGill University, 2010
- BA (Hons.), McGill University, 2009

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