

BLG wins four awards at 2026 Benchmark Canada gala

National (May 8, 2026) – Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) won four awards at the 2026 Benchmark Canada awards gala: Firm of the Year and three Litigator of the Year awards.

[Robert J.C. Deane, K.C.](#) won Arbitration Litigator of the Year, [Patrick Hawkins](#) was named Health Law/Medical Litigator of the Year, and [Andrew Pozzobon](#) was honoured with the Emerging Talent Litigator of the Year award. BLG's Insurance practice took home Insurance Firm of the Year.

The awards recognize the Firm's work on complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes across Canada, including arbitrations, class actions, regulatory investigations and commercial litigation.

The results capped a strong year of recognition for BLG's disputes practice. Benchmark shortlisted BLG for nine Firm of the Year awards:

- Alberta Firm of the Year
- Arbitration Firm of the Year
- Class Action Firm of the Year
- Construction Firm of the Year
- Health Law/Medical Firm of the Year
- Insurance Firm of the Year
- Labour and Employment Firm of the Year
- Product Liability Firm of the Year
- Securities Firm of the Year

Eight BLG partners were named as finalists for Litigator of the Year awards:

- [Robert J.C. Deane, K.C.](#) for Arbitration Litigator of the Year
- [Michelle Maniago](#) for Class Action Litigator of the Year
- [Caitlin Sainsbury](#) for Competition Litigator of the Year
- [Andrew Pozzobon](#) for Energy/Resources Litigator of the Year
- [Luke Dineley](#) for Insurance Litigator of the Year
- [Patricia L. Morrison, K.C.](#) for Construction Litigator of the Year
- [Patrick J. Hawkins](#) for Health Law/Medical Litigator of the Year
- [David Di Paolo](#) for Securities Litigator of the Year

Rising talent and national rankings

The 2026 *Benchmark Litigation* guide includes 78 BLG partners: 70 Litigation Stars and eight Future Stars. Benchmark ranks BLG "highly recommended" across all regions where the Firm operates.

Seven partners advanced from Future Star to Litigation Star this year: [Andrew Pozzobon](#), [Erin Cutts](#), and [Loni da Costa](#) (Alberta); [Luke Dineley](#) (British Columbia); [Graham Splawski](#) and [Andrew Punzo](#) (Ontario); and [Hugo Saint Laurent](#) and [Karine Fahmy](#) (Québec).

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