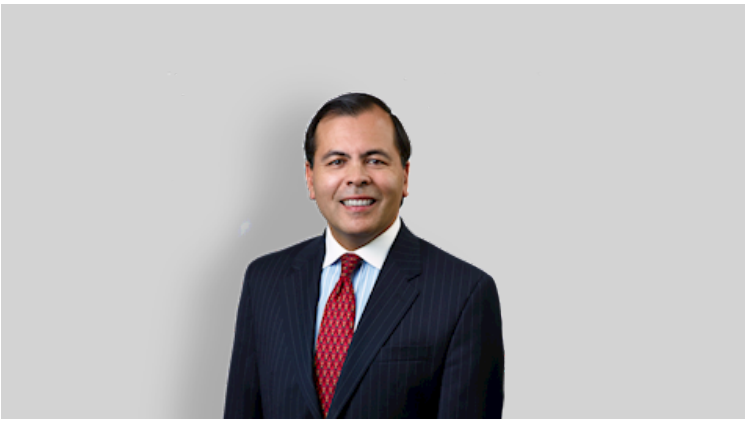


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Ira is a senior commercial litigator and international disputes partner focused on complex commercial litigation, international litigation, arbitration and enforcement, commercial fraud and investigations, cybersecurity and information technology litigation, and intellectual property litigation.

He has been described by *Who's Who Legal* as "one of Canada's leading legal minds" and a "first-rate practitioner in complex commercial fraud cases" who "draws widespread acclaim" and is "well-known for his expert handling of complex commercial disputes".

Ira leads complex international fraud litigation and investigations and asset recovery proceedings, and is a widely-recognized expert in extraordinary remedies, including *Anton Piller* (civil search), *Mareva* (asset freezing) and *Norwich Pharmacal* (equitable discovery) orders. He has appeared in approximately 100 injunction proceedings before Canadian courts and has fashioned creative, leading-edge remedies to assist clients.

Ira has also brought numerous court applications for the recognition and enforcement in Canada of international arbitral awards and foreign judgments; for the taking of evidence abroad (letters of request/letters rogatory); and to stay proceedings pending arbitration or on jurisdictional or *forum non conveniens* grounds. He has also acted in applications to set aside and seek leave to appeal international arbitral awards. He has served as lead counsel in several important appeals involving these issues.

Ira advises clients on cybersecurity, data breaches, information security intrusions and exfiltration, and serves as “breach coach” in cybersecurity incident response. He has served as lead counsel in many important information technology and intellectual property cases in Canada.

Ira appears before all levels of courts in Canada, including the Supreme Court of Canada, Federal Court of Appeal, Ontario Court of Appeal, Federal Court, Ontario Divisional Court and Superior Court of Justice. He appears regularly before the Commercial Court in Toronto in motions, applications, and trials.

Ira has litigated a wide range of cases including in the following areas:

- administrative law
- anti-piracy and anti-counterfeiting
- arbitration (domestic and international)
- asset tracing and recovery
- banking and financial services
- broadcasting and telecommunications
- class actions/mass torts/collective redress
- computer, information technology and internet law
- contempt proceedings
- conflict of laws/*forum non conveniens*
- constitutional law/*Charter of Rights and Freedoms*
- contracts
- corporate/commercial law
- cybersecurity and cybercrime (including privacy, data protection and information security)
- defamation (libel and slander)
- fiduciary duties
- fraud
- injunctions (interim, interlocutory and permanent) and provisional measures
- intellectual property (including copyright and trademark infringement)
- labour and employment
- officer and director liability
- product liability
- professional negligence
- public and private international law
- shareholder and partnership disputes

Experience

- Represented shareholders of **Devas Multimedia Private Limited** in proceedings to recognize and enforce in Canada investment treaty arbitration awards in excess of USD$110 million against the Republic of India and various state entities.
- Represented **Tower-EBC G.P./S.E.N.C.** in proceedings to recognize and enforce in Canada an arbitration award of nearly $100 million and in proceedings to set aside and appeal the award before the Superior Court of Justice and Court of Appeal for Ontario.
- Represented **Drake** (Aubrey Drake Graham) and **October’s Very Own (OVO)** in various litigation matters.
- Prosecuted claims on behalf of **Vivendi Ticketing US LLC** arising out of breaches of exclusive ticketing contracts, inducement of breach of contact, interference with economic relations, and conspiracy.

- Represented **Magna Exteriors Inc.** in multi-million dollar international fraud and asset recovery proceedings against multiple defendants.
- Prosecuted anti-piracy enforcement actions against illegal internet streaming services on behalf of the **International Broadcaster Coalition Against Piracy (IBCAP)** including **Al Jazeera Media Network, Asia TV USA, Dish Network, Star India**, and **Viacom18 Media**.
- Defended global tobacco companies **Japan Tobacco International (JTI)** and **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco International Inc.** against a $330 billion claim for recovery of healthcare costs by the Government of Ontario.
- Advised **IBM Corporation** in an international contractual dispute.
- Represented **Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co. Ltd.** in a complex jurisdictional dispute.
- Represented U.S.-based avionics firm **Rockwell Collins Inc.** in complex litigation arising out of the termination of the Learjet 85 program.
- Prosecuted a claim for recovery of proceeds of multi-million dollar fraud against Canadian custom magnetics manufacturer **Noreast Electronics Co. Ltd.**
- Obtained an emergency interlocutory injunction for U.S. broker-dealer and investment advisory firm **Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.** in a cyber-ransom dispute with a network service-provider.
- Prosecuted a claim for recovery of proceeds of multi-million dollar fraud against Swedish medical equipment company **Elekta Inc.**
- Advised **Facebook Inc.** on intermediary liability for content posted by users.
- Prosecuted a claim on behalf of a **UAE-based family trust** involving a multi-million-dollar, worldwide “e-banking” fraud perpetrated across multiple jurisdictions over the internet.
- Designed and executed national anti-piracy enforcement strategies across Canada for satellite television providers **Bell TV**, **DIRECTV** and **DISH Network** and encryption technology provider **NagraStar, LLC**.
- Designed and executed anti-counterfeiting strategies for global brand owners such as **Michael Kors**, **Louis Vuitton Malletier** and **Zumba Fitness**.
- Represented global pharmaceutical company **Pharmacia Inc.** in interlocutory injunction proceedings involving allegations of false and misleading advertising for anti-inflammatory drug Celebrex.
- Served as “breach coach” in major data breach and security intrusion incidents involving leading Canadian organizations, including public and private sector corporations and not-for-profit/charities.
- Conducted an independent investigation into alleged terrorism-related offences on behalf of the government of an African state.
- Appointed as an “officer of the court” in connection with the supervision of *Anton Piller* orders in large-scale mortgage fraud cases for **Royal Bank of Canada** and **Bank of Montreal,** and in several trade secrets/confidential information/employee fraud cases.
- Obtained court approval for numerous corporate plans of arrangement.

Insights & Events

- Co-Author, "The Guide to Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards - Fourth Edition," Global Arbitration Review, June 2025
- Co-author, "The Guide to Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards - Third Edition Canada," Global Arbitration Review, May 2023
- Presenter, "Cybersecurity Update 2023," Portfolio Management Association of Canada, March 2023.
- Author, "Foreign states are not immune from the jurisdiction of Canadian courts in proceedings for enforcement of an arbitral award", BLG Article, January 2023
- Speaker, "Legal Aspects of Cybersecurity and Cyber-Risk Management," Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada, March 2021

- Author, "Navigating the changing business and foreign investment landscape in 2021", BLG Article, November 2020
- Speaker, "Global commercial dispute resolution," IBA 2020 Virtually Together Conference. November 2020.
- Speaker, “Managing Cyber Risk," Portfolio Management Association of Canada, October 2019
- Author, "Unscrambling Digital Laws And Cybersecurity", BLG Article, January 2019
- Autonomous Vehicles, BLG Perspective, January 2019
- Business of Law - What Microsoft wants you to know about your data, BLG Video, January 2019
- Interviewed, "Major data breach affecting Marriott hotel guests, CTV News, December 2018.
- Quoted, "Into the breach," Lexpert Magazine, November 2018.
- Speaker, "Navigating the New Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Landscape - Toronto," International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution, November, 2018.
- Co-chair, “Mastering Winning Discovery Techniques,” The Advocates’ Society, October 2018.
- Author, "Enhanced Fact-Finding Powers Used to Grant Summary Judgment in Fraud Claim", BLG Article, October 2018
- How to Prepare For, Prevent and Repair Online Data Leaks, BLG Video, September 2018
- Quoted, “How Litigation Funding Works in the Commercial Context,” CBA National Magazine, September 2018
- Speaker, “Cybersecurity Readiness,” Investment Funds Institute of Canada Annual Leadership Conference, September 2018.
- Conference chair, “Advocacy in the 21st Century,” International Bar Association, May 2018.
- Author, "Motion To Set Aside Two Ex Parte Orders Dismissed: Noreast Electronics Co. Ltd. v. Danis", BLG Article, February 2018
- Speaker and chair, “Sell your Judgment/Award! Third-Party Funding for Litigation and Arbitration Proceedings, Including Enforcement of Judgments and Arbitral Awards,” International Bar Association, October 2017.
- Speaker, “Cybersecurity Awareness Month ‘Fireside Chat,’” Canadian Corporate Counsel Association, October 2017.
- Quoted, “The Rise of Cyber Insurance,” Lexpert® Magazine, September 2017.
- Author, "Co-Author, "Preparing For CASL's Private Right Of Action," BLG Bulletin, May 2017", BLG Article, May 2017

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Director, The Advocates' Society
- Vice-President and Director, Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (The Cambridge Lectures)
- Council Member, Legal Practice Division, International Bar Association (IBA) (2023-2026)
- Council Liaison Officer, Dispute Resolution Section (responsible for Arbitration, Litigation, Negligence and Damages, Class Actions and Mediation Committees), International Bar Association (IBA)
- Council Member, Association Council, Upper Canada College
- Member, Toronto Advisory Committee, Cambridge in America
- Past Chair, Litigation Committee, International Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2027 (and since 2013) edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)
- Recognized in the 2026 (and since 2015) edition of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Litigation Star: Commercial"
- Recognized in the 2025 (and previous) edition of *Lexology Index* (formerly known as *Who's Who Legal)* (Asset Recovery)
- Recognized in the 2023 (and previous) edition of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Commercial Litigation, Asset Recovery, Business Crime Defence, Investigations)
- Recognized in the 2021 and 2017 editions of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Litigation - Corporate Commercial)
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Thought Leaders – Litigation)
- Recognized in the 2017 (and since 2015) edition of *World Trademark Review's WTR 1000 - The World's Leading Trademark Professionals* (Anti-Counterfeiting)
- Recognized in the 2009-2011 editions of *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Dispute Resolution: Ontario)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1995

- Diploma in International Law, University of Cambridge, 1996
- LLB, University of Toronto, 1993
- BA (High Dist., Political Science and French), University of Toronto, 1990

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