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Stéphane's practice is focused on class actions, construction and product liability.

In class actions, Stéphane appeared before every court including the Supreme Court. In 2022, he appeared four times as lead counsel before the Court of Appeal. In all four of these cases, the Court of Appeal dismissed the Class Action.

His construction experience includes legal hypothecs, sureties, calls for tenders and all aspects of claims by contractors. Stéphane represents and advises owners, contractors, subcontractors, insurers and bonding companies with regard to all aspects of the construction industry. He has managed an important number of major claims for contractors in the province of Québec and was a key player in the *Kiewit v. Hydro-Québec* file.

Stéphane also has experience in issues relating to private international law. He has pleaded several cases regarding the jurisdiction of Québec authorities. He has appeared as counsel in all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

Experience

- **Class Actions**
  - *Fortin v. Mazda*, 2022 QCCA 635 (Doors of the Mazda 3)
  - *Martel v. Kia*, 2022 QCCA 1140 (maintenance intervals)
  - Represented **Volkswagen** in Québec in all cases related to the diesel engines, including shareholder's recoursein *Chandler v. Volkswagen*, 2022 QCCA 272.

- Obtained the dismissal of several cases at the authorization stage, including the case of *Hébert v. Kia* confirmed by the Court of Appeal.
- Lead litigator in *Centre de santé Dentaire Gendron Inc v. Promutuel et al*., 2021 QCCA 1758, the first case in Canada involving a business interruption claim related to COVID-19.

- **Construction**
  - Involved in several important cases related to major construction projects in Québec, including diversion of the Eastmain River, construction of the new hydroelectric powerhouse in Grand-Mère, construction of the engineering, computer science and visual arts pavilion at Concordia University engineering, Champlain Bridge, Turcot Interchange.
  - Regularly called upon to provide advice on issues related to the professional liability of architects and engineers.
  - Provides advice and acts for companies on various matters relating to product liability.
  - Represents certain automobile manufacturers in their judicial disputes in Québec.
  - Experienced in private international law and pleads several cases under the jurisdiction of Québec authorities.
  - Promotes and makes use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to protect the interests of our clients when the situation permits.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Project owner's duty of good faith: Court of Appeal upholds $15.7 million award to contractor", BLG Article, September 2026
- Author, "Québec's first consumer right-to-repair law in Canada: What every manufacturer and merchant needs to do now", BLG Article, July 2025
- Author, "More durable goods: Key impacts of Québec's new repair and durability regulation for manufacturers and merchants", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "No-fault insurance regime: Moral damages, loss of wages and bodily injury resulting from automobile accidents", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Banque de Montréal c. Chevrette: The Court of Appeal reverses the Superior Court's decision to grant authorization", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Martel v. Kia Canada: Clarifications on applying the legal warranty of conformity (ss. 40 to 42 CPA)", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "The Tessier case: The Court of Appeal refuses to authorize an insurance-related class action", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Duguay v. GM: Superior Court clarifies the plaintiff's burden of proof at the merits stage of a class action lawsuit", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Business interruption loss claims and COVID-19: What is the situation in Québec in 2024?", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "Manufacturers: What you need to know about the new rules on planned obsolescence and product durability", BLG Article, October 2023
- Co-author, "La nécessité d'établir la connaissance des représentations fausses ou trompeuses en droit de la consommation : perspectives au Québec et au Canada," Développements récents series, Volume 544 - Colloque national sur l'action collective, Barreau du Québec, 2023
- Co-Author, « La nécessité d'établir la connaissance des représentations fausses ou trompeuses en droit de la consommation : perspectives au Québec et au Canada », série Développements récents, Volume 544 - Colloque national sur l'action collective, Barreau du Québec, 2023
- Author, "4 class action lawsuits won before the Québec Court of Appeal by BLG in 2021-2022", BLG Article, June 2022

- Author, "Securities and class actions: the Court of Appeal clarifies jurisdictional criteria in private international law", BLG Article, June 2022
- Author, "Court of Appeal confirms conditions for applying CPA section 272", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Lamoureux v. OCRCVM: Court of Appeal confirms dismissal of the first privacy class action on the merits", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Class action against private schools: Opt-outs validated and rules for communicating with members", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Business interruption claims in the context of COVID-19: first Appeal decision in Canada", BLG Article, December 2021
- Author, "Business interruption insurance in Canada: Québec dentists denied claims", BLG Article, September 2021
- Author, "A first in Canada: Class action over loss of personal information dismissed on the merits", BLG Article, April 2021
- Action collective – Rétrospective de l'année 2020 au Québec, BLG Perspective, March 2021
- Author, "Fortin v. Mazda: Damages must be proven for a claim in reduction of obligation", BLG Article, December 2020
- Author, "On the territorial jurisdiction of the Québec courts in securities class actions", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "COVID-19 medical devices and implications for Québec sellers and importers ", BLG Article, April 2020
- Product Liability Handbook, BLG Perspective, October 2019

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Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association, Construction Law Section
- Member, Barreau du Québec

Awards & Recognition

- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2027 edition (and since 2014) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Construction Law) and since 2021 (Insurance Law; Product Liability Law; Class Action Litigation).
- Canadian Law Awards : Commercial Litigation Team of the Year - Excellence Award (2023) with Anne Merminod, Alexandra Hebert and Alexis Leray for *Lamoureux v. Organisme canadien de réglementation du commerce des valeurs mobilières*, 2022 QCCA 685
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2018) of *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Construction Law; Litigation – Product Liability) and in 2024 and 2026 editions (Class Actions).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2017) of *Benchmark Canada – The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Local Litigation Star: Québec" and a "Litigation Star: Class Action, Construction, Commercial, Product Liability".
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2020) of *The Lexpert/ROB Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers.*
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Technology*
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2021) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 1999

- LLB, Université de Montréal, 1997
- BAA (Finance and Marketing), HEC Montréal, 1994

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