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Glenn has a strong track record of defending a diverse group of clients in a wide range of class action proceedings and product liability claims, as well cases involving life insurance, consumer misrepresentation and competition law.

Glenn is the national co-chair of the Class Actions Group, providing strategic direction and coordination across Canada.

## Experience

- Defended manufacturers of automotive, aviation, industrial equipment, power tools, and home appliances in a wide array of class action proceedings and product liability cases related to alleged product defects, failure to warn and other competition law violations.
- Regarding *Goodridge v. Pfizer Canada Inc.*, defended drug manufacturer in a class action related to allegations of off-label marketing, adverse events, and inadequate product warning and labelling.
- Defended public and private corporations with respect to alleged *Competition Act* violations related to price fixing.
- Regarding *Anderson v. Canada (Attorney General)*, represented Moravian Union (third party) in a class action related to residential schools in Labrador.
- Regarding *Hamilton v. Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.*, represented defendants in a class action proceeding related to alleged sudden unintended acceleration.
- Regarding *Voutour v. Pfizer Canada Inc.*, represented defendants in a class action alleging increased risk of adverse events related to the use of Cox-II NSAIDs.

## Insights & Events

- Ontario class actions 2023 year in review, BLG Perspective, August 2024
- Author, "ONSC decision in Kwong v iAnthus Capital Holdings Inc.", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "ONSC provides guidance on the analysis of superiority and predominance provisions in the Class Proceedings Act", BLG Article, November 2023
- Medical device litigation trends in Canada and the U.S., BLG Video, April 2023
- Author, "Certification denied for Takata air bag recall on basis that existing recalls preferable to proposed class action", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Dufault v. Toronto Dominion Bank first decision to consider recent CPA amendments", BLG Article, November 2021
- Author, "Evidence of online complaints of limited utility on motion for certification", BLG Article, July 2021
- Author, "Product liability design negligence claims allowed to proceed in mass shooting class action", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Bill 161: Sweeping changes to Ontario's Class Proceedings Act take effect October 1", BLG Article, September 2020
- Author, "Changes to Ontario's Class Proceedings Act passed into law", BLG Article, July 2020
- Author, "A summary of Canadian class action procedure and developments", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "3D printing during COVID-19", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "Spotlight on medical devices in the age of COVID-19", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "The Parameters of Pre-Certification Document Discovery Cannot be Circumvented through an Improper Request to Inspect Documents", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "Two steps in class action "Common Issues" inquiry, court confirms", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "Ontario Announces Significant Proposed Changes to the Class Proceedings Act, 1992", BLG Article, December 2019
- [Co-Author, "3D Printed Medical Devices and Organs: The Canadian Legal Framework" Rx for The Defense, Defence Research Institute, Fall 2019](#)
- Author, "Law Commission of Ontario Report on Class Actions — Key Recommendations", BLG Article, July 2019
- Author, "Where are we with the Languishing Class Action Cases?", BLG Article, March 2019
- The Sensor: Autonomous and Connected Vehicles — "Ideal" for a Class Action?, BLG Perspective, December 2018
- Author, "Ontario Superior Court Filters Out Proposed Medical Implant Device Class Action", BLG Article, December 2018
- Author, "Spotlight on Medical Implant Devices Spurs Regulatory Changes", BLG Article, November 2018
- Co-Author, "Class and Collective Actions in Canada," Lexology Guide, November, 2018.
- Author, "In the Internet of Things, Opportunities Abound for Class Action Litigation", BLG Article, July 2018
- Author, "Non-Parties Ordered To Produce Documents In Product Liability Class Action", BLG Article, March 2018

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association, class actions, insurance and civil litigation sections

- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Defence Lawyers Association
- Member, International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Member, Defence Research Institute (DRI), (actively involved in the product liability, drug and medical device, commercial litigation and international committees)
- Member, DRI Law Institute
- Prior DRI positions; former Canadian regional director; former chair of the Automotive Specialized Litigation Group (SLG) and the International SLG of the Product Liability Committee; and former chair of DRI International
- Member, Trial Law Institute
- Member, Diversity Law Institute

## Awards & Recognitions

- Selected as one of the world's leading practitioners in the *Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders Global Elite 2024* report. Also selected as one of the world's leading practitioners in the *Who's Who Legal: Life Sciences 2024*.
- Senior fellow, *Litigation Counsel of America*
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2016) of *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence) (Nationwide); Litigation: Product Liability).
  - **Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence):** *Glenn Zakaib has considerable product liability experience and represents both the public and private sectors. He acts as the national co-chair of the group from the Toronto office.*
  - **Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence):** *"Glenn Zakaib is a knowledgeable and sophisticated professional who is able to break down complex matters into manageable bite sizes."*
  - **Litigation: Product Liability:** *Glenn Zakaib is a prominent Toronto litigator who is widely recognised as one of the market's top product liability and class action lawyers. He garners recognition for his work concerning medical devices.*
  - **Litigation: Product Liability:** *"Glenn is a highly skilled and diligent lawyer - his expertise and experience is valued."*
- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2025 (and since 2018) editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* (Class Action Litigation; Product Liability Law).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2020) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- Recognized in the 2024, 2023, 2022 (and 2008-2019) editions of *The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Litigation - Product Liability).
- Recognized and Peer Rated in the 2021 edition of Martindale-Hubbel as "Preeminent" and "Distinguished".
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2004) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Class Actions; Litigation: Product Liability)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Technology and Health Sciences*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2018) of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Life Sciences; Product Liability Defence).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Who's Who Legal* as a Global Elite Thought Leader in North America
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Benchmark Litigation — The definitive guide to litigation firms and attorneys in Canada*.

- Recognized in the 2019 edition of the *Lexpert Guide to US/Canada Cross-border Lawyers in Canada*.
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of *IFLR - The Best of the Best Global Guide* as one of the top 30 product liability practitioners worldwide.

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1983
- LLB, McGill University, 1981
- BA, York University, 1978

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