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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

- Product liability design negligence claims allowed to proceed in mass shooting class action
- Bill 161: Sweeping changes to Ontario's Class Proceedings Act take effect October 1
- Changes to Ontario's Class Proceedings Act passed into law
- A summary of Canadian class action procedure and developments
- 3D printing during COVID-19
- Spotlight on medical devices in the age of COVID-19
- The Parameters of Pre-Certification Document Discovery Cannot be Circumvented through an Improper Request to Inspect Documents
- Two steps in class action "Common Issues" inquiry, court confirms
- Ontario Announces Significant Proposed Changes to the Class Proceedings Act, 1992
- [Co-Author, "3D Printed Medical Devices and Organs: *The Canadian Legal Framework*" Rx for The Defense, Defence Research Institute, Fall 2019](#)
- Law Commission of Ontario Report on Class Actions — Key Recommendations
- Where are we with the Languishing Class Action Cases?
- The Sensor: Autonomous and Connected Vehicles — "Ideal" for a Class Action?
- Ontario Superior Court Filters Out Proposed Medical Implant Device Class Action
- Spotlight on Medical Implant Devices Spurs Regulatory Changes
- Co-Author, "Class and Collective Actions in Canada," Lexology Guide, November, 2018.
- In the Internet of Things, Opportunities Abound for Class Action Litigation
- Non-Parties Ordered To Produce Documents In Product Liability Class Action
- Speaker (with Kate Crawford and Glenn Zakaib), "The Essentials of Health Law Class Actions in Canada," Webinar, March 8, 2018
- Co-author, "Discovery Challenges in Transnational Class Actions," Law360.
- Co-author, "A Summary of Canadian Class Action Procedure and Developments," DRI.
- Panelist, "Collective Proceedings and Cost Saving," DRI International Dispute Resolution Seminar.
- Panelist, "Cross-Border Class Actions," Defense Research Institute (DRI) Latest Developments in Law and Practice Class Actions Seminar

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
- Senior fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- 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

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2021 edition (and since 2016) of *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence); Litigation: Product Liability).
- Recognized and Peer Rated in the 2021 edition of Martindale-Hubbel as "Preeminent" and "Distinguished".
- Recognized in the 2021 edition (and since 2004) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Class Actions; Litigation: Product Liability).
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Benchmark Litigation — The definitive guide to litigation firms and attorneys in Canada*.
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2021 (and since 2018) editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Class Action Litigation; Product Liability Law).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of the *Lexpert Guide to US/Canada Cross-border Lawyers in Canada*.
- Recognized in the 2019 (and since 2008) editions of *The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Product Liability).
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of *IFLR - The Best of the Best Global Guide* as one of the top 30 product liability practitioners worldwide.
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Life Sciences; Product Liability Defence).

Bar Admission & Education

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

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