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As national managing partner and CEO of BLG, David Di Paolo is building the law firm of the future: agile, innovative and delivering exceptional work with unmatched efficiency. He combines the discipline of a highly ranked litigator with the vision of a transformational leader, testing new ideas, investing in talent and setting new standards for performance.

Over more than two decades, David has acted for leading financial institutions, public companies, regulators and professionals in some of the country's **most complex commercial, securities and class action matters**, including before the Supreme Court of Canada. Clients trust him to manage risk, protect reputation and deliver clarity when it counts. Before becoming national managing partner, he co-led BLG's 400-member disputes group and served on the firm's partnership board.

A lifelong resident of Hamilton — a city known for its industrial grit and creative resurgence — David is a **decisive, pragmatic and open-minded leader** who isn't afraid to get his hands dirty. He built his nationally respected career at BLG because of the meaningful work, distinguished mentors and a culture that rewards initiative and collaboration. As national managing partner, he's focused on what matters most to organizations facing complex challenges and pursuing transformative opportunities: strengthening systems, setting expectations and fostering a culture that inspires BLG's teams to deliver consistent value across practices, industries and offices.

David is ranked among Canada's top litigators by *Chambers Canada*, *Legal 500*, *Lexpert*, *Benchmark Canada* and *Best Lawyers*. In 2025, he was named Securities Litigator of the Year by *Benchmark Litigation*.

He invites conversations with clients, peers and other innovators who are rethinking how legal work gets done and what high performance looks like. Contact him [by email](#) or [on LinkedIn](#) to exchange ideas and collaborate on initiatives.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Simply the best (evidence): Capital Markets Tribunal rules on read-ins", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "Everything you need to know about the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO): a dynamic resource", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "OSC short-selling prosecution dismissed", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Court opens the door to a finding of fiduciary duty in relation to non-managed accounts", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "Delivery driver class action against Amazon stayed and certification dismissed", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "Canada's New SRO: A new name, enforcement and policy focus", BLG Article, April 2023
- Pearls of wisdom: Investment management regulatory trends and preparing for the new SRO, BLG Video, January 2023
- Author, "The iMessage and WhatsApp Trap: Compliance with record-keeping obligations in the BYOD era", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Alberta Court of Appeal affirms key decision regarding investor loss class actions ", BLG Article, April 2022
- Trends to watch in 2021 – Disputes: accelerated transformation, BLG Perspective, January 2021
- Author, "BLG clients Aimia Inc. and Kognitiv Corporation have a significant win", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "COVID-19 update from IIROC and the MFDA", BLG Article, March 2020
- Author, "IIROC Releases Bulletin on Limitation of Liability & Exclusionary Clauses", BLG Article, November 2019
- Author, "CSA Releases Client Focused Reforms", BLG Article, October 2019
- Co-author, "Supreme Court Clarifies Process for Challenging Production Orders," BLG Bulletin, December 2018
- Co-Author, "Class and Collective Actions in Canada," Lexology Guide, November, 2018.
- Author, "Canadian Securities Regulators Publish Revamped 'Client Focused' Registrant Reform Proposals and Signal Policy Direction on Mutual Fund Embedded Compensation", BLG Article, June 2018
- Author, "Trailing Fees Class Action Commenced", BLG Article, April 2018
- Editor, Brokers' Report
- Co-Author, "Costs Principles in Class Actions Are Not Asymmetrical," BLG Class Actions Bulletin, May 2015
- Quoted, "What to do if a client launches a lawsuit," Investment Executive
- Quoted, "Costly advice: Should all investors be treated as 'completely vulnerable'?", Financial Post
- Quoted, "Five things clients — and advisors — should do to protect themselves," Financial Post
- Quoted, "IFB Summit: OBAs in compliance spotlight," Investment Executive
- Author, "The Enforcers," Advisor's Edge Report

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 and previous editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Class Action Litigation, Corporate Commercial Litigation, Securities Law).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2019) of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Litigation: Securities - Ontario).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2020) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- Recognized as a 2023 *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Legal 500 Canada* as a "Leading individual" (Dispute resolution)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert*® *Directory* (Class Actions, Litigation – Corporate Commercial, Litigation – Securities), the 2021 edition (Litigation – Securities), and the 2020 edition (Litigation – Directors' & Officers' Liability).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2020) of the *Benchmark Canada - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a Litigation Star (Commercial, Securities).
- Shortlisted for "Securities Litigator of the Year" at the 2023 Benchmark Litigation Canada Awards
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*

Bar Admissions & Education

- Ontario, 1998
- LLB, University of Western Ontario, 1996
- BSc, (Hons., summa cum laude) in Biology and Psychology, McMaster University, 1993

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