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Hessam maintains a broad disputes practice, with a focus on commercial litigation and international and domestic commercial arbitration. He advises clients across various industries including energy, transportation, IT, mining and insurance, among others.

Hessam was involved in a number of significant international arbitration proceedings as counsel, legal advisor and tribunal secretary in Canada, Europe and Iran. He has assisted clients on matters governed by various institutional sets of rules, including the ICC Arbitration Rules, the UNCITRAL Rules, the SCC Arbitration Rules, the HKIAC Administered Arbitration Rules, and the VanIAC Domestic Arbitration Rules.

Prior to joining BLG, Hessam worked as an attorney at law in Iran. Hessam joined BLG as an Associate after articling with the firm.

Insights & Events

- Author, "ICC Arbitration Rules 2026: Towards enhanced flexibility and procedural efficiency", BLG Article, June 2026
- Author, "Canada extends steel and aluminum trade measures: What stakeholders need to know", BLG Article, June 2026

- Author, "U.S. expands Tariff Offset Regime to medium and heavy-duty vehicle sector", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs update: Relief, more of the same or more extreme industrial policy?", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "U.S. Supreme Court Decision on Emergency Tariffs: Legal and Commercial Implications", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "Canada's new trade landscape: Legal and compliance imperatives in Federal Budget 2025", BLG Article, November 2025
- Author, "U.S. releases new process for expanding auto parts tariffs: What Canadian stakeholders need to know", BLG Article, September 2025
- Author, "EU customs reform: What Canadian exporters and trade associations need to know", BLG Article, July 2025
- Author, "U.S. releases new tariff changes for the automotive industry", BLG Article, May 2025
- Author, "Canada initiates WTO dispute over U.S. tariffs on automobiles and parts", BLG Article, April 2025
- Author, "Automotive tariffs: The U.S. Presidential Proclamation and the Canadian response", BLG Article, April 2025
- Author, "The evolving tariff threat: Impact on hospitals in Canada", BLG Article, March 2025
- Author, "The evolving tariff threat: Impact on med-tech and life science industries", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "The evolving tariff threat: The impact on the automotive industry", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "A primer on the oppression remedy", BLG Article, December 2024
- Guest Lecturer, "Assessment of Damages in International Investment Arbitration," University of Ottawa, 2024
- Author, ["Automated Vehicles and Insurance Companies: BC Law Perspective."](#) BarTalk, February 2024
- Co-Author, "The Valuation Date of an Unlawfully Expropriated Property in International Investment Arbitration: A Critique of Acquisitive Valuation," ICSID Review - Foreign Investment Law Journal, Spring 2021
- Co-Author, "The Singapore Mediation Convention: A Promising Start, An Uncertain Future," Leiden Law Blog, 2019

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners
- Member, International Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Member, Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2023
- LLM, Common Law, Peter A. Allard School of Law, UBC, 2022
- PhD, Oil and Gas Law, Shahid Beheshti University, 2021
- LLM, International Civil and Commercial Law, Leiden University, 2018
- LLM, Economic Law, Shahid Beheshti University, 2013
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Guilan, 2010

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