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Dan is a recognized cybersecurity, privacy, and information management lawyer, with significant experience working with education and public sector organizations in Canada. Dan helps organizations:

- respond effectively to security and cyber incidents
- defend security and privacy complaints, claims and grievances
- handle complex freedom of information matters and appeals
- negotiate optimal agreements with data hosts and other technology vendors
- address security and other operational issues while minimizing privacy risks

Dan's practice has covered a wide breadth of information related matters since 2003. He has strong advisory and commercial expertise, and has also represented clients in significant privacy, security and freedom of information litigation, including at the Ontario Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada. This gives Dan a full perspective on complicated matters along with a practical focus. He is a leading Canadian “breach coach," having handled his first major incident in 2006.

Dan has been recognized by *Best Lawyers*, *Chambers Canada*, *Who's Who Legal* and *Lexpert*, and has authored and contributed to privacy and e-discovery texts.

Experience

- Defended two grievances on behalf of universities whose unions challenged the outsourcing of email systems to the cloud.
- Represented a legal publisher in two “right to be forgotten” cases brought by individuals challenging the publisher’s right to publish case law on privacy grounds.
- Helped an educational institution obtain an Anton Piller order and recover data stolen by student hackers.
- Helped a municipality obtain injunctive relief to address the theft and misuse of confidential information by a public official and resolve related privacy breach claims.

Insights & Events

- Author, "New AI safety standard relevant to Canadian school boards", BLG Article, September 2026
- Author, "Major access to information and privacy reform comes to Ontario", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "Ontario introduces cyber and educational technology regulations", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "What health organizations need to know about the new AI scribe guidelines in Ontario, British Columbia, and Alberta", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "How is your REB’s privacy muscle?", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "Year 2025 in review and trends for 2026: Major developments in cybersecurity and personal information protection", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "The PowerSchool IPC report: Five tips for school boards and Ontario institutions", BLG Article, November 2025
- Author, "De-identification of personal information and the new IPC Ontario guidelines", BLG Article, October 2025
- Author, "Acceptable use policy, personal use, and employee privacy: Ten questions answered", BLG Article, October 2025
- Author, "Year 2024 in review and trends for 2025: Major developments in cybersecurity and personal information protection", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "Alberta overhauls its public sector access and privacy regime", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "Ontario Cyber Security Standard: Impact on licensed electricity transmitters and distributors", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Time for an update: IPC revises code of procedure", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "New outsourcing guidance by Ontario public sector privacy regulator", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "LifeLabs: Court considers privilege claims over cybersecurity investigation materials", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "Bill 194 - The new Enhancing Digital Security and Trust Act, 2024 and changes to Ontario’s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "SCC decision: Deliberative secrecy and disclosure of Cabinet mandate letters", BLG Article, February 2024
- Author, "IPC requests feedback on draft Digital Privacy Charter for Ontario Schools", BLG Article, November 2023
- Author, "The Vancouver Island University audit report – board oversight of cybersecurity risk management", BLG Article, September 2023
- Author, "Business email compromise incidents: Takeaways from IPC PHIPA Decision 205", BLG Article, July 2023

- Author, "Province releases cyber incident response standard for Ontario school boards", BLG Article, April 2023
- Author, "Ransomware attacks – Tips from the trenches", BLG Article, April 2023
- Author, "Cyber incidents: the role of legal counsel and the first 24 hours ", BLG Article, January 2023
- Author, "4 ways to avoid bias when your HR agency uses AI recruitment tools", BLG Article, December 2022
- Author, "Freedom of information requests for faculty records", BLG Article, November 2022

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Professional Involvement

- Member, Advocates' Society
- Member, The Canadian Association of University Solicitors
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Canadian Association of University Solicitors
- Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2014) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Privacy and Data Security Law)
- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2016) of *Chambers Canada* (Privacy & Data Protection (Nationwide - Canada) and Charities & Nonprofits (Nationwide - Canada))
- Recognized in the 2026 (and since 2022) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Data Protection & Privacy) and in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) (Employment Law - Employer).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Technology.*
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Health Sciences*
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and in 2020) of *Lexology Index* (formerly known as *Who's Who Legal): Data – Data Privacy & Protection* and in 2024-2025 (Labour & Employment).
- Recognized as the 2023 'Lawyer of the Year' in Toronto by *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Privacy and Data Security Law)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Data Protection & Privacy; Employment Law - Employer).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *The Legal 500 Canada – 'Next Generation Partner,' Data Security and Privacy*
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of *Best Lawyers Global Business Edition – Privacy and Data Security Law*
- Recipient of the *Lexpert Zenith Award – Celebrating Mid-Career Excellence in Computer and IT Law* (2018)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2001

- LLB, Queen's University, 1997
- B.Comm, Queen's University, 1994

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