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Graeme is a leading trial and appellate advocate whose practice encompasses criminal, regulatory, public and commercial law. He is retained in complex and high-stakes matters at first instance and on appeal and is recognized for his strategic judgment and effective advocacy.

Widely regarded as one of Canada's foremost white collar practitioners, Graeme has acted in some of the country's most significant criminal and regulatory investigations and prosecutions. He represents corporations and individuals in enforcement proceedings, conducts internal investigations and is frequently retained in related civil litigation.

Graeme is regularly instructed in public law and commercial litigation, including constitutional and administrative law matters. He appears before courts and administrative tribunals on behalf of corporations, individuals, public bodies and regulators, and has achieved notable successes across a wide range of subject areas.

Graeme is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, where he teaches Evidence, and previously taught Trial Advocacy at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. He has also testified before the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs as an expert in criminal and constitutional law.

Experience

- [Reference re iGaming Ontario](#) – counsel to NSUS in reference to Ontario Court of Appeal and subsequent appeal to Supreme Court of Canada concerning the legality of Ontario’s proposed model for online gaming and sports betting.
- Counsel to Whirlpool Canada LP in appeal to Canadian International Trade Tribunal concerning tariff classification of washers and dryers.
- [Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario v. Ontario Association of Architects](#) – counsel to Ontario Association of Architects in successful appeal overturning finding of contempt for actions taken in exercise of statutory mandate.
- [Canada \(Commissioner of Competition\) v. Amazon.com.ca, ULC](#) - counsel to Amazon in Commissioner of Competition’s appeal to Federal Court of Appeal of lower court’s refusal to grant production order in “online reviews” inquiry under deceptive marketing provisions of the *Competition Act*.
- Counsel to electronics company in internal investigation and voluntary disclosure to the Canada Border Services Agency regarding *Customs Act* non-compliance.
- Counsel to construction company in successful challenge to imposition of \$52 million in anti-dumping and countervailing duties, interest and taxes on imported steel products.
- [P1 v. XYZ School](#) – counsel in precedent-setting case concerning media’s ability to challenge interlocutory publication ban and balancing of open court principle against privacy of minors.
- [R. v. Barra](#) – successful defence of an individual prosecuted under the *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* in landmark bribery prosecution.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Canada's proposed Financial Crimes Agency: A new era of financial crime enforcement", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "A big win for Ontario: Court of Appeal decision allows international “pooled liquidity” in online gaming", BLG Article, November 2025
- Tariffs and Trade Resource Centre, BLG Perspective, August 2025
- Author, "Reprieve or escalation? “Reciprocal” and automobile-specific tariffs", BLG Article, April 2025
- Author, "Canada-U.S. tariff war resumes", BLG Article, March 2025
- Co-Author, 'Managing the intersection of export controls and economic sanctions: Implications for legal and compliance teams and best practises for strengthening cross-departmental coordination', Journal of Financial Compliance, March 2025
- Author, "Thriving amid tariff shifts", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "Canada tariffs on Chinese EVs, steel and aluminum: Feds introduce remissions request process to ease transition", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "No taxation without presentations: Canada to launch public consultations on possible tariff hikes on Chinese EVs", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "Punishing the crime, not the process: key considerations when investigating and reporting white-collar crime", BLG Article, November 2023
- Author, "Canada considers amendments to sanctions regime targeting Russia", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Effective advocacy in investigations", BLG Article, July 2021
- Author, "Investigation and enforcement powers under Ontario’s new “stay-at-home” order", BLG Article, January 2021

- Author, "Adapting U.S. compliance programs to incorporate Canada's foreign corruption law", BLG Article, December 2020
- Coffee Break with BLG: Session 2, BLG Video, October 2020
- Author, "Corporate communications with government in the pandemic: Maintaining compliance with lobbying laws", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "Coronavirus and criminal law: What you need to know ", BLG Article, March 2020
- Author, "Remediation agreement guideline for Canadian prosecutors", BLG Article, February 2020
- Co-Author, "[Multinational Companies Overlook Canada's Foreign Corruption Law at their Peril.](#)" Global Investigations Review, January 2020
- Speaker, "Extradition and Red Notices: The Long Arm of the Law is Getting Longer", American Bar Association Third Global White Collar Crime Institute, June 2019.
- Co-Author, "Civil Enforcement of Canada's Foreign Corruption Law?", FCPA Professor Blog, January 18, 2019.
- Author, "Anti-Money Laundering And Fraud In Canada", BLG Article, January 2019
- [Co-author, "Civil Enforcement of Canada's Foreign Corruption Law?" FCPA Professor, January 2019](#)
- Co-author, "Canada" chapter, The Practitioner's Guide to Global Investigations, Third Ed., Global Investigations Review, 2019
- Co-author, "Supreme Court Clarifies Process for Challenging Production Orders," BLG Bulletin, December 2018

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Advocates' Society
- Member, Criminal Lawyers' Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section
- Member, International Bar Association
- Teaching Advisor, Trial Advocacy, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, 2018-2021

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2020) of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Nationwide - Canada) and International Trade/WTO (Nationwide))
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (White Collar Defence & Investigations).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2021) of *Benchmark Canada – The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a Litigation Star.
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexology Index* (previously *Who's Who Legal*) for Business Crime Defence.
- Recognized in the 2020 edition (and since 2018) of the *Benchmark Canada 40 and Under Hotlist*.
- Recognized in the 2020 edition (and since 2018) of *Benchmark Canada - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a Future Star.

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2009
- LLM, Harvard Law School, 2010
- JD, University of Toronto, 2008
- MA in Economics, University of Toronto, 2008
- BSc in Mathematics and Engineering, Queen's University, 2003

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