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Julien focuses his practice on constitutional and administrative litigation, complex civil and commercial disputes, and appellate advocacy.

As a litigator, he has argued on behalf of clients before all levels of courts in Québec, as well as before the Federal Court and the Supreme Court of Canada. He is frequently engaged in complex matters at the intersection of public and private law, often involving significant strategic, reputational or political considerations.

Julien is regularly called upon to act in cases raising constitutional issues relating to the division of powers, and fundamental rights and freedoms. His public law practice also includes a broad range of regulatory and compliance matters, including those relating to the environment, transportation, official languages, access to information and highly regulated products.

Prior to joining BLG, Julien clerked for the Honourable Suzanne Côté at the Supreme Court of Canada in 2018–2019. He previously worked as a journalist and researcher for various media outlets, including print, radio and television.

Julien is actively involved in a number of pro bono initiatives and contributes to the work of BLG's Diversity and Inclusion Council.

Experience

- Contributed to several matters before the Supreme Court of Canada, including:

- ***Québec (Attorney General) v. Lalande*, 2026 SCC 13** – Represented and argued on behalf of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association as intervener on the constitutional framework governing electoral boundaries
- ***English Montreal School Board, et al. v. Attorney General of Québec, et al.*** – Represented one of the appellants in a constitutional challenge to the *Act respecting the laicity of the State*
- Represented the appellant in a dispute concerning ownership of a large, submerged strip of land surrounding several lakes
- ***6362222 Canada Inc. v. Prelco Inc.*, 2021 SCC 39** – Represented the appellant in a commercial dispute concerning the validity of a limitation of liability clause under Québec civil law
- ***Reference re Code of Civil Procedure (Québec), art. 35*, 2021 SCC 27** – Represented an appellant in a reference regarding the constitutional validity of the jurisdiction of the Court of Québec
- ***Montréal (City) v. Deloitte Restructuring Inc.*, 2021 SCC 53** – Represented an intervener in a dispute concerning the interaction between a voluntary reimbursement program following alleged fraud and proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*
- ***Grant Thornton LLP v. New Brunswick*, 2021 SCC 31** – Represented an intervener on the discoverability rule under a limitations statute in the context of an alleged auditor negligence claim

- Represents a national 2SLGBTQI rights organization in a constitutional challenge seeking legal recognition of multi-parent families
- Represents the *Fédération des associations de juristes d'expression française de common law (*FAJEF*)* in constitutional litigation concerning the failure of the federal and Québec governments to enact the French version of significant portions of the Constitution of Canada
- Advises and represents various clients in matters relating to official languages
- Acts for a religious organization seeking an exemption from participation in the administration of medical assistance in dying on freedom of religion grounds
- Contributed to the acquittal of a multinational corporation before the Québec Court of Appeal in penal proceedings relating to alleged breaches of a by-law governing atmospheric emissions
- Contributed to obtaining a stay of the coming into force of a municipal by-law prohibiting advertising signage
- Represented the Conference of Québec Court Judges in litigation concerning judicial jurisdiction in criminal and penal matters
- Represented a national industry association as intervener in a constitutional division of powers challenge to federal patented medicines regulations
- Represented Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the class action and related proceedings arising from the Lac-Mégantic derailment
- Contributed to obtaining the early dismissal of an application for judicial review and declaratory relief concerning alleged impacts of airport noise
- Assists in the preparation of applications for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada

Insights & Events

- Author, "Federally regulated industries: The SCC reaffirms and clarifies the interjurisdictional immunity doctrine", BLG Article, June 2025
- Author, "Top 10 commercial decisions of 2021", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Supreme Court of Canada's decision warns plaintiffs: Act on potential claims", BLG Article, September 2021

- Author, "Flexible and Cooperative Federalism: Distinguishing the Two Approaches in the Interpretation and Application of the Division of Powers", (2020) 40 National Journal of Constitutional Law 1
- Co-Author, “Les injonctions d’application mondiale visant le retrait de résultats de recherche : un nouveau remède d’exception en matière de propriété intellectuelle” (2018) 30:1 Les cahiers de la propriété intellectuelle 129

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Young Bar of Montréal
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates’ Society

Community Involvement

- Member, Board of Directors, Dysphasie-Estrie (2015-2018)

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Administrative and Public Law)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - Ones to Watch™ (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2018

- J.D., Queen's University, 2017
- LL.B., Université de Sherbrooke, 2016
- B.A., Political Science, McGill University, 2011

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