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Robin is a transportation and class actions defence lawyer in our Toronto office. He has extensive experience representing:

- Ship owners and P&I Clubs in matters involving domestic and international shipping
- Airlines and aviation insurers in claims related to casualties, property damage, and passenger rights
- OEMs in the defence of class actions and product liability claims
- Transportation companies in disputes and for loss recovery.

Robin is an advocate with experience in complex casualty matters and class actions involving multiple parties and inter-jurisdictional and cross border insurance issues.

In addition to Robin's court experience, he advises clients on liability and risk management issues, including:

- Service agreements
- Contracts
- Liability releases
- Indemnity agreements
- Governance issues
- Labour and employment matters

Robin is the National Leader of BLG's Transportation Focus Group and the Toronto Leader of BLG's Maritime Focus Group.

Experience

- Leads the BLG teams defending major OEMs in multi-jurisdictional class actions, including ones involving vehicle emissions, product liability, and consumer protection.
- Successfully defended a Canadian shipowner in an action regarding property damage and personal injury related to a vessel's wake.
- Led the BLG team assisting a Canadian mining company in establishing a freight forwarding subsidiary to allow it to diversify and strengthen its business.

Insights & Events

- Author, "FMC investigation on Canadian Ballast Water regulations", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "Driver & Equipment Monitoring Cameras: Privacy Concerns from the Canadian Perspective," The Transportation Lawyer, February 2024.
- Author, "Transport Canada boost: \$165.4 million allocated in the Federal Budget", BLG Article, April 2023
- Author, "Bill C-33: Canada's new marine and rail transportation bill to strengthen supply chain", BLG Article, February 2023
- Author, "Product liability claims in Canadian maritime law", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "2030 Emissions reduction plan and Canada's journey to net zero", BLG Article, April 2022
- Panelist, "Autonomous Ferries: The need for a regulatory framework," Canadian Ferry Association, March 2022.
- BLG Talks Transportation, BLG Perspective, December 2021
- Business insurance trends: Climate change litigation, D&O risk, force majeure and transport insurance, BLG Perspective, October 2021
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal upholds new judgment high for FLA claim ", BLG Article, August 2021
- Autonomy on the roads: Intelligent Transportation Systems, BLG Perspective, July 2021
- Supply chains in a post-pandemic world, BLG Perspective, June 2021
- BLG Talks Transportation series: Supply chain – Hot Topics and What's Next, BLG Video, May 2021
- Author, "Achieving clarity in contracts and arbitration agreements", BLG Article, February 2021
- Full steam ahead: Recent developments in maritime autonomous technology, BLG Perspective, February 2021
- Author, "Defamatory statements against regulated professions may not attract public interest", BLG Article, January 2021
- Author, "Air passenger protections: an analysis and comparison between Canada and the European Union", BLG Article, November 2020
- Author, "Transport Canada marine incident reporting obligations and rights", BLG Article, September 2020
- Author, "Above and beyond: simply signing a waiver may not be enough", BLG Article, August 2020
- Co-author, "[Getting Ready for Take Off — New rules to consider when using drones in a maritime environment](#)", *Canadian Shipper*, January 2020.
- The Sensor: Unfamiliar waters: Navigating autonomous vessels' potential and perils, BLG Perspective, July 2019

- Author, "Federal Court Decision Highlights Importance of Proper Transportation Contract Terms", BLG Article, July 2019
- Author, "Amendments To The Transportation Of Dangerous Goods Regulations (Emergency Response Assistance Plan)", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Canada Implements Nairobi Convention On Wrecks", BLG Article, March 2019
- Author, "Transport Canada Announces Changes to the Canadian Aviation Regulations to Address Flight Crew Fatigue", BLG Article, December 2018

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Board Member, Canadian Transport Lawyers Association
- Member, Executive Committee, Transportation Lawyers Association
- Member, Toronto Marine Club
- Member, Canadian Maritime Law Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, Pro Bono Law Ontario's access to justice initiatives at Superior court and the Court of Appeal
- Member, BLG's Pro Bono team

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2020) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Insurance Law) and since 2021 (Transportation Law) and previous editions (Personal Injury Litigation Law)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2016) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert*® *Directory* (Shipping & Maritime Law) and in the 2024 edition for Transportation (Road & Rail) and Litigation - Product Liability.
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* as the 2022 'Lawyer of the Year' in Toronto for Transportation Law
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Transport Shipping).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Transportation: Shipping)
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Doyle's Guide : Leading Transport Lawyers – Canada*
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of *Who's Who Legal Canada* (Shipping & Maritime)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2006
- LLB, Queen's University, 2005
- Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation, Lakehead University, 1993, Honours



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