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Alex handles **complex litigation**, injunctions, investigations, arbitrations and class actions for a wide variety of clients.

He acts for financial institutions, dealers and brokers (registrants), corporate victims of fraud and corruption, national and multinational corporations in all sectors.

Alex has expertise in all aspects of **fraud and corruption** in the banking, securities, corporate and public sectors, including detection, investigation, prevention and recovery.

He has experience with matters relating to:

- bank, financial and securities fraud
- bills of exchange and letters of credit
- suitability of investments and regulatory compliance
- fraudulent financial statements
- embezzlement and corruption
- fraudulent transactions
- money and asset tracing
- money laundering
- proceeds of crime
- corporate contract disputes

- IP fraud
- counterfeiting

He has been involved in many initiatives promoting access to justice.

## Experience

- **Scotiabank** and **Tangerine Bank** in the overlimit spending credit card class action (*Pilon vs AMEX et al*).
- **Laurentian Bank of Canada** in the NSF fees class action (*Defrance vs Bank of Montreal et al*).
- **AIC Global Holdings Inc.** in the market timing class action (*Ravary vs CI Mutual Funds et al*).
- **ScotiaBank** in the registration fee class action (*Meilleur and Automobile Protection Ass. vs Bank of Nova Scotia et al*).
- **Stewart Title Guaranty Company** in a claim under the Bills of Exchange Act and the CBA Clearing Rules for forged endorsement in relation to a property sale and mortgage fraud via identity theft.
- **ScotiaBank** and **Tangerine Bank** in the mortgage prepayment charge class action (*Haroch vs TD Bank et al*).
- **ScotiaBank** in the Visa/MasterCard merchant interchange fee class action.
- Canadian chartered bank in a data breach crisis, avoiding potential litigation and recovering all damages and costs.
- **Scotia Capital Inc.** and **ScotiaMcLeod** in a series of suitability lawsuits and related IIROC investigations.
- **MUHC** in relation to all investigations into allegations of corruption by former officials in the awarding of the PPP contract for the construction of their new \$1.3 billion super hospital on the Glen site.
- **ScotiaBank** in the hostile takeover litigation between Goldcorp and Osisko.
- **Cormer Group Industries Inc.** in its \$25M claim against Bombardier in relation to cancellation of the Lear85 program.
- **RBC** in the \$40 million class action instituted by Virginia Nelles on behalf of investors/clients of Earl Jones. Acted for **RBC Dominion Securities** in a related lawsuit.
- Mr. Réjean Hinse, a victim of wrongful conviction, in his suit for over \$10 million in damages against the Attorney General of Québec and the Attorney General of Canada.
- TD Bank against Group Sutton Royal Inc. and others in all litigation relating to a complex kiting scheme.
- RBS Bank in an action for \$45 million resulting from a financing affected by means of a fraudulent bank guarantee.
- A sports equipment manufacturer in an ICC international arbitration against a Japanese multi-national, for breach of a distribution contract; obtained an award for more than \$1.5 million.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Favourable judgement issued by Québec Court of Appeal in Pilon class action", BLG Article, April 2021
- Action collective – Rétrospective de l'année 2020 au Québec, BLG Perspective, March 2021
- Coffee Break with BLG : Session 1, BLG Video, September 2020
- Author, "BLG clients Aimia Inc. and Kognitiv Corporation have a significant win", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "Endossement frauduleux et vol d'identité : la Cour d'appel détermine qui de deux parties innocentes doit subir la perte liée à l'encaissement d'un chèque par un fraudeur (in French)", BLG Article, July 2019

- Speaker, "When the regulator comes knocking – crisis management", CL Montreal Symposium, March 2019.
- Speaker, Trends in consumer class actions (banking), CL Montreal Symposium
- Author, "Investor's claim for lackluster performance of his pref share strategy fails," The Exchange: BLG Financial Institutions Litigation Blog, July 13, 2017
- Author, "Investor claim for lackluster performance of his pref share strategy fails", BLG Article, July 2017
- Co-author, "Québec Superior Court confirms strict liability for cheque bearing forged endorsement, in a case of identity theft and mortgage fraud," The Exchange: BLG Financial Institutions Litigation Blog, Oct. 26, 2016
- Author, "Regulator's ad browsing on Kijiji pays off with enforcements against illegal solicitation." The Exchange, Financial Institutions Litigation Blog, September 9, 2016.
- Author, "The TMF finds 'spring loading' to be insider trading under the Québec Securities Act," The Exchange: BLG Financial Institutions Litigation Blog, Aug. 25, 2016
- Professional Development Lecturer, "Internal Fraud, Detection, Investigation and Legal Aspects", Québec Order of Chartered Accountants, 2004-present.

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Member, International Association of Financial Crime Investigators
- Active member, International Bar Association (senior vice-chair of the International Sales Committee)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association

### Community Involvement

- Past Chair, Board of Directors, Pro Bono Québec
- Board member, Board of Directors, Montreal Alouettes Foundation

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Chambers Canada* (Litigation: General Commercial (Québec))
- Recognized in the 2024 (since 2020) edition of *Best Lawyers Canada* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition Litigation*
- Recognized in the 2023 (and since 2013) edition of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Local Litigation Star: Québec" and a "Litigation Star: Commercial, Insolvency, Intellectual Property, Professional Liability, Securities."
- Recognized in the 2023, 2020 and 2018 editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Litigation - Corporate Commercial).
- Recognized as a leading litigator in the 2018 edition of the *Lexpert®/Report on Business Litigation Special Edition*.
- Recognized in the 2016 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Litigation*.

## Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 1993

- Canadian Securities Institute Course, Canadian Securities Institute, 1993
- L.L.B., Université de Sherbrooke, 1992
- B.A. in Political Science (Honours), Concordia University, 1989

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