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Overview

Shalom litigates complex commercial disputes, including contract and corporate litigation, class action defence, real estate, and trusts and estates. The core of Shalom's practice focuses on complex disputes in the construction, data security, and insurance industries.

Shalom's construction practice involves acting for project owners, lenders, contractors, design professionals, regulators and governments in disputes involving the design and construction of large commercial, infrastructure, energy, and condominium projects. Shalom has experience in construction design and delay cases, environmental disputes, as well as applications for immediate relief, including construction liens, injunctions, and interim adjudications under Ontario's *Construction Act*.

In his data security practice, Shalom defends large-scale class actions involving matters of data privacy and data security for institutional clients in all manner of industries. He regularly writes and speaks about developments in privacy law and sits on the executive of the Ontario Bar Association's privacy law section.

Shalom's insurance disputes practice focuses on complex cases alleging novel interpretations of insurance policies, where he has acted on matters of importance for insurance companies.

Shalom has appeared as counsel in arbitrations, at all levels of court in Ontario, and in the courts of Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Yukon.

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a major telecommunications company in a proposed class action in Ontario alleging breach of customer privacy in connection with its marketing of additional services

Tarion Warranty Corporation, Ontario's regulator of new home construction, in trial-level, appellate and administrative proceedings involving construction and regulatory disputes

Industrial Alliance in successfully resisting an appeal before the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal for a declaration that hedge fund investors were entitled to deposit and earn guaranteed interest rates on unlimited amounts in universal life side accounts

[Canadian Hockey League, Québec Major Junior Hockey League, Ontario Hockey League, Western Hockey League and multiple junior hockey teams in multiple class actions in Québec, Ontario and Alberta concerning the employment status of amateur student hockey players](#)

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Professional Involvement

Shalom sits on the executive of the Ontario Bar Association's privacy law group, is a member of the Advocates Society, and volunteers as Duty Counsel with Pro Bono Ontario.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2016	Queen's University
MA (SSHRC Canada Scholar), 2013	Queen's University
BA (Honours), 2012	University of Guelph

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2017	Northwest Territories, 2023
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