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With experience across competition, securities regulatory and commercial litigation, James is a skilled advocate with broad industry insights, representing clients in corporate and commercial disputes.

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Overview

James maintains an active civil litigation practice that includes competition litigation, class actions, intellectual property, corporate/commercial disputes and public law. With experience across sectors, including automotive, manufacturing, communications, consumer goods and transportation, James brings nuanced industry perspective to help clients effectively navigate and resolve their disputes.

James has appeared as counsel in the Supreme Court of Canada, in the Federal Court, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal for Ontario, the British Columbia Supreme Court and the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, as well as before the Competition Tribunal and the securities commissions of Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta.

Featured Work

Rogers v. Voltage

Torys acted as counsel to Rogers Communications in *Rogers v. Voltage* before the Supreme Court of Canada, relating to ISPs rights to be reimbursed for complying with Norwich orders

BWXT Nuclear Energy Canada in successfully responding to an application for judicial review brought before the Federal Court by a citizen group concerning the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's decision to renew an operating license for a nuclear fuel manufacturing facility

Ticketmaster Canada, Live Nation Entertainment and other related entities in class actions in Saskatchewan, Ontario, Québec and British Columbia concerning alleged violations of the Competition Act and consumer protection legislation in connection with secondary market ticket sales practices

Ontario Power Generation in its successful appeal to the Federal Court of Appeal of the granting of an application for judicial review of the environmental assessment of the Darlington New Nuclear Power Plant Project and subsequent issuance of a license to prepare the site by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

[Pfizer Canada in patent infringement proceedings before the Federal Court of Canada concerning patents for quinapril, the active ingredient in its drug ACCUPRIL®](#)

[Manulife Financial in its successful defence at trial of a class action in Ontario commenced by Manulife's former Barbados policyholders concerning benefits related to Manulife's demutualization, and in resisting an appeal of the trial decision before the Ontario Court of Appeal and an application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada](#)

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Marketing and e-commerce to drive competition litigation risk in 2024

The potent mix of Competition Bureau policy and lower barriers to class actions will keep a familiar item at the centre of companies' risk calculus.

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[The next frontier in competition litigation: greenwashing disputes and private access to the Competition Tribunal](#)

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Professional Involvement

James volunteers as an advocacy skills adviser for Ryerson University's Law Practice Program. He is also the co-author of a chapter of *Litigating Competition Law in Canada* (LexisNexis Canada, 2018).

James is a member of The Advocates' Society.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2010

Osgoode Hall Law School

BA & Sc, 2007

McGill University

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2011