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Overview

Chris Hunter is a partner in Torys' litigation department, recognized for his work in commercial disputes and international arbitration. He has extensive trial experience and has appeared as counsel before all levels of court in Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, and the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as numerous arbitral and regulatory tribunals.

The core of Chris's practice focuses on complex business disputes, typically involving contractual claims, corporate rights and obligations, and economic torts, often with cross-border elements.

Chris carries on an extensive international and domestic arbitration practice, having arbitrated claims under multiple treaties and procedural rules including ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, AAA and ADRIC, among others. He also has considerable experience litigating recognition and enforcement proceedings domestically on behalf of award creditors and debtors, and representing international organizations before Canadian courts, including in the leading decision on international organization immunity before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Chris also defends and advises many of Canada's leading businesses in competition related class actions and tribunal proceedings involving allegations under the *Competition Act*, *Investment Canada Act*, and consumer protection legislation.



Chris is always on top of his game and one step ahead. He is a pleasure to work with.

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Featured Work

Alamos Gold in its arbitral claim brought by its Netherlands subsidiaries against the Republic of Türkiye, under the Netherlands-Türkiye Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT), alleging expropriation and unfair and inequitable treatment in connection with the development of its Türkiye project – the Kirazlı, Ağrı Dağı and Çamyurt gold mines in Çanakkale Province, Türkiye

Vienna Insurance Group in successfully obtaining a judgment in a contract dispute concerning a global insurance program and reinsurance policy before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) and successfully resisting an appeal of the judgment in the Court of Appeal for Ontario

Scotiabank in its arbitral claim against the Republic of Peru, under the Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement, alleging unfair and inequitable treatment, expropriation, and breach of national treatment in connection with a constitutional court proceeding challenging the accrual of default interest during a period of delay caused by the state

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

Galway Gold, a Canadian junior mining company, in connection with its ICSID arbitral claim against the Republic of Colombia, under the Canada-Colombia Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT), alleging a breach of the investor protection provisions in connection with its investments in a gold concession in the Vetás region of Colombia

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Recognition and Awards

2024-2025 *Chambers Canada*—Associate to watch in dispute resolution: arbitration

2021-2025 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in corporate and commercial litigation, international arbitration, health care law and medical negligence

Insights

Rules of engagement: Ontario Civil Rules Review proposes overhaul of civil procedure

Court determines reinsurer's duty to follow settlements under Canadian law

Defendants prevail in recent competition class actions

[Substantive grounds for challenge](#)

[Litigation Trusts in CCAA Proceedings: Guidance on the Use of Trusts to Pursue Claims](#)

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News

Torys announces new partners and counsel

Torys is excited to announce the promotion of five of our lawyers to partner and three of our lawyers to counsel.

81% of Torys' Canadian partners ranked by *Chambers Canada*

We are pleased to share that 130 Torys partners and 38 of our practice areas have been recognized in this year's guide, including 15 Band 1 rankings.

[Weighing in on the proposed reforms to Ontario's Rules of Civil Procedure](#)

[What the ADRI's new rules mean for Canada's arbitration community](#)

[Chris Kinnear Hunter's appointment to partner picked up by industry press](#)

[179 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2025 Best Lawyers guide](#)

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Professional Involvement

Chris is recognized as a young leader in the profession. He previously chaired the Young Advocates' Standing Committee, a national committee of The Advocates' Society devoted to promoting the interests and development of young lawyers, and now serves on the Society's commercial litigation practice group.

Education and Bar Admissions

[Education](#)

JD, 2013

Osgoode Hall Law School

BA, 2010

McGill University

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2014