



# Jeremy Opolsky

PARTNER

A skilled litigator with analytical perspective and experience managing challenging and complex cases, Jeremy offers clients sophisticated dispute strategy and advocacy.

CONTACT

Toronto: [416.865.8117](tel:416.865.8117)

[jopolsky@torys.com](mailto:jopolsky@torys.com)

## Overview

Jeremy's legal acumen is backed by a wealth of experience before courts across the country, with his cases often making new law. He is known for compelling oral and persuasive written advocacy that is rooted in carefully crafted litigation strategy. After clerking for Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella at the Supreme Court of Canada, Jeremy has appeared numerous times at that court—for both parties and intervenors—all of which give Jeremy unique insight and perspective to disputes at all levels of court.

Jeremy has a broad corporate and commercial litigation practice, representing clients in: shareholder disputes (for both majority and minority shareholders), often in complex, bet-the-farm oppression cases, in arbitration, in court and on appeal; confidential information disputes; fraud and breaches of fiduciary duty, and complex trust disputes. He frequently acts for clients on the Commercial List, Ontario's specialty commercial court. He also works closely with the firm's Family Enterprises Practice to manage disputes arising out of family office, high net worth families and/or trust and estate issues.

In his appellate and public law practice, Jeremy works closely with clients, and often as co-counsel with trial counsel, on a wide array of matters. His counsel has been sought at every stage of litigation, from advising on leave applications through to taking appeals up to the Supreme Court.

Jeremy also has a busy insolvency practice, with robust experience working on—often in collaboration with the firm's Corporate Restructuring and Advisory Practice—some of the largest CCAA contested litigation disputes in the country.

“

Jeremy is an excellent litigator. His advocacy is strong, and tempered by his effectiveness.

CHAMBERS CANADA, 2026

# Featured Work

---

## Hudson's Bay Company: Rejection of forced lease assignments

Torys acted as counsel to Cadillac Fairview in the Hudson's Bay Company insolvency proceedings before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) concerning the successful opposition to an attempted assignment of leases on 25 former Hudson's Bay Company retail spaces in shopping centres across Canada as part of its proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA)

## Precedent setting Supreme Court decision, redefining corporate attribution doctrine and the first decision in Canada to apply it in the insolvency context

Torys acted as counsel to KSV Kofman as trustee in bankruptcy for FormaCon Construction (an affiliate of Bondfield Construction) at the Supreme Court of Canada upholding one of the largest "transfer-at-undervalue" (fraudulent conveyance) applications in Canada and creating new precedent on the "contextual" application of corporate attribution doctrine

## Award of specific performance regarding the ownership of over 275 acres of undeveloped land in the Greater Toronto Area

Torys acted as counsel to Fram Elgin Mills, as appeal counsel, in its successful appeal before the Ontario Court of Appeal reversing the 2019 trial decision in *Fram Elgin Mills 90 Inc. v. Romandale Farms Limited* and obtaining an award of specific performance regarding the ownership of over 275 acres of undeveloped land in the Greater Toronto Area

[The Canadian Constitutional Law Initiative of the University of Ottawa as an intervenor before the Federal Court of Appeal in \*MacKinnon v. Canada\*, concerning an application brought by individual Canadians challenging the Prime Minister of Canada's decision to prorogue Parliament](#)

[The Canadian Constitutional Law Initiative of the University of Ottawa as an intervenor before the Federal Court of Canada and the Federal Court of Appeal in \*Hameed v. the Prime Minister et al.\*, concerning the constitutional duty to fill judicial vacancies](#)

[Canadian Chamber of Commerce as an intervenor in the Supreme Court of Canada case \*Pine Valley Enterprises v. Earthco Soil Mixtures\* concerning the contractual interpretation of exclusion clauses and the applicable standard of review](#)

[Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as an intervenor before the Supreme Court of Canada in \*Piekut v. Canada \(Minister of National Revenue\)\* concerning the interpretation of student loan discharge provisions in the \*Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act\*](#)

[Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, as counsel on all Canadian law aspects of its cross-border restructuring under the \*Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act\* and Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, including its successful application for: \(i\) Canadian recognition of its Chapter 11 proceedings in the United States leading to a Canada-wide stay of all other proceedings during its restructuring; and \(ii\) Canadian recognition of its global restructuring Plan resolving, inter alia, extensive litigation and claims](#)

[View More](#)

# Recognition and Awards

---

|           |                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2025-2027 | <i>Chambers Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in litigation: administrative and public law, litigation: general commercial (Ontario) and constitutional law |
| 2026-2027 | <i>Chambers Canada</i> —Up and coming in restructuring/insolvency                                                                                    |
| 2026      | <i>Benchmark Litigation Canada Awards</i> —Ontario Litigator of the Year                                                                             |
| 2026      | <i>Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys</i> —Top 50 Trial Lawyer                                |
| 2021-2026 | <i>Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys</i> —Litigation Star                                    |
| 2021-2025 | <i>Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys</i> —40 & Under Hot List                                |
| 2026      | Ontario Bar Association—Civil Litigation Emerging Leader Award Year                                                                                  |
| 2025      | Canadian Law Awards—Commercial Litigation Team of the Year                                                                                           |
| 2022-2027 | <i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in administrative and public law, and corporate and commercial litigation                              |
| 2022-2024 | <i>Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate commercial litigation                       |
| 2022-2026 | <i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in litigation: corporate commercial and litigation: regulatory and public law            |
| 2021      | <i>Lexpert's Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40</i> —One of Canada's leading lawyers under 40                                                    |
| 2013      | Pro Bono Publico Award, the Legal Aid Society, New York                                                                                              |

# Insights

---

## Courts have *Power* to order damages for unconstitutional legislation

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled in a landmark constitutional case that damages claims can be sought from the government as a result of unconstitutional law.

[BWA Morning Espresso: SCC annuls the federal election in Terrebonne](#)

[Revisiting leave: The Ontario Court of Appeal brings fresh clarity to a familiar test](#)

[Breakfast With Appeal: The “Film Festival” edition](#)

[Ontario Court of Appeal weighs in on the bounds of solicitor-client privilege](#)

[Pump the brakes: no constitutional guarantee for bike lanes](#)

[View More](#)

# News

---

## Jeremy Opolsky named recipient of the 2026 OBA Civil Litigation Emerging Leader Award

## 83% of Torys’ Canadian partners are recognized in *Chambers Canada* 2027

Congratulations to our ranked lawyers and practice groups on earning industry-leading recognition, including 19 Band 1 rankings.

## Torys honoured in multiple categories at 2026 *Benchmark Litigation* Canada Awards

Three of our lawyers were named Litigator of the Year at the 2026 awards.

[Signs of a shift on remedies for unreasonable delay](#)

[A new chapter for Canada’s highest Court](#)

[Best Lawyers recognizes 177 Torys lawyers in its 2027 guide](#)

[Landmark SCC ruling provides clarity on privative clauses](#)

[Benchmark Litigation recognizes 22 Torys lawyers in its 2026 guide](#)

[View More](#)

# Professional Involvement

---

Jeremy was appointed to the Civil Rules Committee by Chief Justice Tulloch. He was formerly a member of the Civil Rules Review Working Group, established by Attorney General Downey and Chief Justice Morawetz. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Stage Company and University of Toronto Schools (UTS). He is a member of the Insolvency Institute of Canada.

Jeremy regularly works on pro bono cases and with pro bono organizations, such as Pro Bono Law Ontario's amicus program at the Divisional Court of Ontario and the Ontario Court of Appeal, where he acts in cases involving self-represented litigants before these courts. Recently, Jeremy organized a pro bono *amicus* list at the Commercial List to assist self-represented litigants at Toronto's specialized commercial court. He has also represented pro bono litigants at the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Jeremy regularly teaches and lectures on a variety of topics, including appellate practice and procedure, contract law and advocacy. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Ottawa, teaching a course on the Supreme Court of Canada. He has also guest lectured at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, the Western University Faculty of Law, the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, the Peter Allard School of Law at UBC, the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law (Lakehead) and Toronto Metropolitan University's Law Practice Program. Jeremy is the past chair of the Civil Litigation Practice Group at the Advocates' Society.

Prior to practice, he was a Law Clerk to former Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella.

## Education and Bar Admissions

---

### Education

JD (Gold Medalist), 2010

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

BA (Honours, Economics and History), 2007

Queen's University

### Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2011

New York, 2012