



Sylvie Rodrigue, Ad. E.

PARTNER

Sylvie is one of Canada's top litigators, recognized for her versatility representing clients across jurisdictions and industries, in all manner of disputes. She is known nationwide for her strong class action, product liability and commercial disputes experience, and she is one of the few counsel in Canada who defends cases in both Québec and common law provinces.

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Overview

With a broad litigation practice and extensive experience defending cases in all provinces across Canada, including class actions both pre-certification and at trial, Sylvie has a formidable track record supporting clients in their highest-profile disputes.

Sylvie has been involved in a wide range of litigation matters, including multi-jurisdictional class actions, relating to product liability, drugs and medical devices, banking, privacy, constitutional law, competition law, consumer complaints, civil liability, employment matters, securities, large tort and negligence. She regularly represents clients in the banking, retail, technology, manufacturing, communication, real estate, railway, aviation and pharmaceutical industries in a variety of commercial disputes. Sylvie has appeared before all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

In 2021, she successfully represented the Canadian Olympic Committee and Olympian Mandy Bujold against the International Olympic Committee before the Court of Arbitration for Sports in Switzerland on a pro bono basis. The legal challenge, which led to Ms. Bujold's participation at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, raised human rights and discrimination issues on the basis of pregnancy and resulted in a landmark decision for the benefit of female athletes worldwide.

Sylvie was awarded the designation of Advocatus Emeritus by the Québec Bar, a distinction awarded to a limited number of lawyers to honour an outstanding legal career, remarkable contribution to the profession and dedicated efforts to social or community services. The Ontario Bar Association also awarded her the 2023 Excellence in Class Actions Award. Sylvie was recognized by the WXN in 2016 and 2019 as one of Canada's Top 100 Women and was named 2021 Litigator of the Year by Canadian Law Awards. Benchmark consistently recognizes her as one of Canada's top female litigators, as well as Chambers and other ranking publications for her work in product liability and class action matters.

Sylvie leads our Montréal office, as well as Torys' national Class Action practice.



Sylvie Rodrigue is an excellent strategic thinker with sharp skills.

CHAMBERS CANADA, 2026

Featured Work

The Advocates' Society as an intervenor in English Montreal School Board, et al. v. Attorney General of Quebec, et al. concerning the constitutionality of Québec's Bill 21 restricting the wearing of religious symbols

an American consumer goods manufacturer in a proposed class action in Québec alleging contamination of a contraceptive device by PFAS

Loto-Québec in a consumer protection class action at trial in Québec alleging violations to the Québec Civil Code and consumer protection legislation in the context of an online poker platform

a Canadian telecommunications provider in a proposed consumer protection class action in Québec concerning late fees

a Canadian Schedule I bank in a proposed class action in Québec alleging violations to consumer protection legislation and breach of contractual obligations following an outage that affected access to banking services

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Recognition and Awards

2023 Ontario Bar Association—Award of Excellence in Class Actions

2020, 2022, 2024 *Benchmark Litigation*—Product Liability Litigator of the Year

2016-2026 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in litigation: product liability, dispute resolution: class action (defence) and litigation: general commercial

2022-2026 *The Legal 500*—Leading partner in dispute resolution: Quebec

2022-2026 *Benchmark Litigation*—Top 100 Women in Canadian Litigation

2020-2021 *Benchmark Litigation*—Top 50 Women in Litigation (Canada)

2012-2026	<i>Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys</i> —Litigation Star: Ontario and Québec (class actions and commercial)
2022-2023	<i>LMG Life Sciences</i> —Leading life sciences lawyer in non-IP litigation and enforcement, product liability
2017, 2022-2023, 2025	<i>LMG Life Sciences</i> —Canadian Product Liability Attorney of the Year
2019-2020	<i>LMG Life Sciences</i> —Life Sciences Star in product liability
2008-2027	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in class action litigation and product liability law
2007-2026	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in class actions and product liability litigation (Ontario and Québec) and life sciences and Health
2024	Corporate INTL Global Award—Class Action Defence Lawyer of the Year in Canada
2023	<i>Business Today</i> —Top 10 Canada's Most Influential Class Action Defence Lawyers of 2023
2013-2022	<i>Who's Who Legal</i> —Global and National leading lawyer in product liability defence and life sciences
2021	<i>Canadian Lawyer's</i> 2021 Canadian Law Awards—Gold Winner: Litigator of the Year
2016-2019	<i>Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in class actions
2016, 2019, 2026	Women's Executive Network (WXN)—Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award
2012-2018	<i>Chambers Global</i> —Leading lawyer in dispute resolution: class action
2014-2018	<i>Benchmark Litigation</i> —Top 25 Women in Litigation (Canada)
2018	<i>Lexpert/Thomson Reuters' Guide to the Leading U.S./Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada</i> —Most frequently recommended lawyer in dispute resolution
2014	Ad. E. (<i>Advocatus Emeritus</i>) distinction, Québec Bar
2011-2013	<i>Lexpert's Guide to the Leading U.S./Canada Cross-border Litigation Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in litigation (class actions)

Insights

Spotlight on Québec law: Class action trends

With more cases going to trial in one of the country's most active class action jurisdictions, what is next for Québec class actions?

[Product Liability & Safety 2026 \(Canada\)](#)

[Perfect Law: Global Class Actions and Mass Torts Conference 2026](#)

[British Columbia enacts Bill 24 to recoup vaping-related health care costs](#)

[Canadian class actions 101: what you need to know](#)

[Class actions landscape in Canada: 2025 mid-year update](#)

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News

Sylvie Rodrigue, Ad. E. named among Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by WXN

This marks the third time Sylvie has received this prestigious recognition, having previously been honoured by WXN in 2016 and 2019.

Four Torys lawyers named among Canada's Top 100 Women Litigators by *Benchmark Litigation*

Benchmark Litigation recognizes 22 Torys lawyers in its 2026 guide

[83% of Torys' Canadian partners are recognized in Chambers Canada 2027](#)

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

[Advancing womens mental health in the legal profession](#)

[Sylvie Rodrigue Ad. E. shares insights from her new book](#)

[Chambers Canada ranks 81% of Torys' Canadian partners in its 2026 guide](#)

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Professional Involvement

Sylvie is the founder and Past Chair of the Class Action Section of the Ontario Bar Association and she is still a member of the Executive. In addition, she is the Chair of the Canadian Bar Association National Task Force on Class Actions, Co-Chair of the International Bar Association Multi-jurisdictional Class Action/Collective Redress Working Group, Co-Chair of the International Class Actions Subcommittee of the Class Actions and Derivative Suits Committee of the American Bar Association, a member of the Québec Bar Class Action Committee and the Ontario Bench-Bar Liaison Committee. She was previously a member of the Advisory Group to the Law Reform Commission regarding the *Class Proceeding Act*.

Sylvie is a Director on the National Board of The Advocates' Society and the founder and past Chair of the Québec Advisory Committee of The Advocates' Society, where she still sits as a member. In addition, she is a member of the Grande Campagne (Canada) advisory committee for the Université de Montréal, International Association of Defense Counsel (Class Action and Multi-Party committee, International committee, Product Liability committee), Defense Research Institute (DRI), Diversity Law Institute and Trial Law Institute. Sylvie is also a Senior Fellow at the Litigation Counsel of America.

She is a sought-after speaker in Canada, the U.S. and abroad. She is a lecturer in advocacy before the civil courts, Québec Bar Admission Course, and a skills instructor with the Advocates' Society in Québec and Ontario.

Sylvie is a regular judge in the Harvey T. Strosberg Contest (a national competition for the best essay on class actions, open to students at universities across Canada) and a member of the Advisory Board of the ZSA Québec General Counsel Award.

Finally, Sylvie has been the Honorary Chair of the Shelter L'Abri d'espoir in Montréal for the Salvation Army since 2011 and was formerly on The Salvation Army National Advisory Board. She is also a member of the International Society of Female Professionals and a member of the Women's Executive Network (WXN), serving in the mentorship program. Sylvie is also the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Everything in Sport - Women's North American Edition.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

Certificate of Qualification in Common Law, 2008

LLB, 1992

National Committee on Accreditation

University of Montreal

Bar Admissions

Québec, 1993

Ontario, 2008

