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COUNSEL

Steven's commercial insights and broad technology experience help clients across a range of industries navigate and effectively execute their contracting, outsourcing and licensing matters.

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Overview

Steven has robust experience to support clients in outsourcing projects, licensing arrangements, co-branding initiatives and supply and distribution agreements. He advises clients on a wide array of corporate and commercial matters, including sponsorship agreements, blockchain-based services, contest rules, online terms and conditions, marketing initiatives, payments and cards-related matters, mortgage origination and servicing arrangements, and commercial and technology advice related to public and private acquisitions.



Steven Slavens is 'good at taking a complicated problem and breaking it down to what matters,'

—CHAMBERS CANADA, 2021

Featured Work

Thornhill Medical scale-up to deliver mobile ventilator systems as part of Canada's response to fight COVID-19

Torys acted as counsel to Thornhill Medical in the negotiation of manufacturing and supply agreements to produce and deliver mobile compact ventilator systems as part of the Canadian government's response to fight COVID-19

Dell acquires a leading global provider of application modernization software and services

Torys acted as counsel to Dell in its acquisition of MAKE Technologies Inc.

C\$8.5 billion acquisition of MBNA Canada's credit card business

Torys acted as counsel to TD Bank in its C\$8.5 billion acquisition of MBNA Canada Bank's credit card business

[a Canadian Schedule I bank in a series of outsourcing transactions for its global sourcing strategy](#)

[a Canadian provider of an AI-based mobile health care treatment technology in the negotiation of a service arrangement with major U.S. health care provider](#)

[a consortium of central Canadian credit unions in the launch of an outsourced payment platform solution for credit unions](#)

[financial institutions in the negotiation and renewal of their credit card processing services agreements](#)

[a provider of medical data sets in connection with the launch of its online service](#)

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2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*— Leading lawyer in corporate law and technology law

2020-2021 *Chambers Canada*—Up and coming lawyer in information technology

2024-2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in information technology law

Insights

At the intersection of healthcare tech, data and oversight: *Connected Care for Canadians Act*

Bill C-72, if passed, would create health information interoperability requirements and prohibit data blocking, widely applicable to vendors and service providers.

[Ontario writes the playbook: a new framework for data centre grid connections](#)

[Bill C-35: preventing goods made with forced labour from entering the Canadian market](#)

[AI disputes: navigating risk in a rapidly evolving landscape](#)

[Canada launches Artificial Intelligence Sovereign Compute Infrastructure Program: funding, eligibility, and key requirements](#)

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[Canada's Supply Chains Act: a compliance tool and marketing opportunity for responsible organizations](#)

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Professional Involvement

Steven is a faculty member of Osgoode Hall Law School's professional development certificate programs for Negotiating and Drafting IT Agreements and for Regulatory Compliance and Legal Risk Management for Financial Institutions.

During his articling year at Torys LLP, Steven was seconded to The Globe and Mail, where he worked on corporate, privacy, defamation, employment, IP and social media matters.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2010

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

MA (English), 2006

New York University

BA (Honours), 2005

University of Toronto

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2011