



James C. Tory

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James (Jim) Tory is a trusted advisor to boards and companies on their most sensitive and high-profile disputes, with extensive experience representing clients in complex corporate and commercial matters before all levels of court and the Ontario Securities Commission.

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Overview

Jim practises litigation and dispute resolution, with a particular focus on shareholder and boardroom disputes. He has substantial experience in all levels of court, in the Ontario Securities Commission and in commercial arbitrations and mediations.

Jim is a former member of the firm's Executive Committee.



Any superlatives you pick, as to ability, performance, attentiveness, wisdom or personal decency, apply to Jim.'

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Recognition and Awards

2016-2024 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in litigation: general commercial (Ontario)

2018-2026 *Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys*—Litigation Star (commercial and securities)

2006-2027	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate and commercial litigation, international arbitration, securities law, and bet-the-company litigation
2008-2023	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate commercial litigation, directors' and officers' liability litigation, securities litigation, class actions, commercial arbitration and professional liability
2009-2018	<i>Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate commercial litigation and securities litigation
2008-2015	<i>Chambers Global</i> —Leading lawyer in dispute resolution (Ontario)
2008-2015	<i>Who's Who Legal</i> —Leading Canadian lawyer in commercial litigation
2012-2013	<i>Lexpert's Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-border Litigation Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate commercial and securities

Insights

[Governance considerations for boards of directors during the COVID-19 crisis](#)

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Professional Involvement

James is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of The Advocates' Society. He is a frequent speaker on corporate securities law and litigation and arbitration practice at conferences organized by the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Ontario Bar Association, the Canadian Institute and Federated Press.

James is a member of the editorial board of, and a contributor to, the Federated Press' quarterly *Corporate Litigation*. He is also a former instructor and team leader at the Osgoode Hall Law School Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LLB, 1981

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

BA (Law), 1979

Oxford University

BA (Honours), 1977

University of Toronto

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1983