



Grant Worden

PARTNER

Grant regularly acts as counsel in multijurisdictional class actions, individual actions and “mass tort” claims involving complex product liability claims. His practical advice distills complex issues into the key points that matter most to clients.

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Overview

Grant co-chairs our national product liability practice group and acts as lead counsel in multijurisdictional class actions, individual actions and “mass tort” claims across Canada involving complex product liability claims, particularly for clients in the life sciences industry.

Grant’s litigation and advisory practice includes extensive experience defending pharmaceutical, medical device consumer product and agricultural product manufacturers in product liability actions including in class proceedings, “mass torts” and individual claims. He also advises clients on commercial and procurement disputes and acts as independent counsel to registration and discipline committees of a professional regulator. Grant acts as both trial and appellate counsel and appears regularly as counsel before the courts in British Columbia, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, as well as the Federal Court of Canada and the Federal Court of Appeal.

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Grant is truly outstanding. I would use him on any matter where we need strong counsel.

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Featured Work

Combined oral contraceptives product liability class actions

Torys is acting as counsel to an international pharmaceutical company in multiple product liability class actions—including proposed actions in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and three class actions at trial in Québec and Ontario—concerning two prescription combined oral contraceptives

Herbicide product liability class action

Torys is acting as counsel to an international environmental science company in multiple proposed product liability class actions in Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and Québec (as well as multiple individual actions in provinces across Canada) concerning the active ingredient in a popular line of herbicides

an international pharmaceutical company in product liability claims in British Columbia and Ontario alleging design and manufacturing defect, failure to warn and negligent misrepresentation in connection with certain vaccines

a global medical device company in a product liability claim in British Columbia alleging design and manufacturing defect in connection with a product used to facilitate embolization

an international pharmaceutical company in a product liability class action in Alberta and proposed product liability class actions in Ontario, Nova Scotia and Québec (as well as individual actions in Ontario and Québec) concerning an intrauterine contraceptive device

an international pharmaceutical company in a proposed product liability class action in British Columbia (as well as an individual action in Ontario) concerning two synthetic broad-spectrum antibacterial drugs used to treat respiratory tract infections

an international pharmaceutical company in a proposed product liability class action in Saskatchewan, a class action at trial in Québec, as well as mass tort claims and individual plaintiff actions in all nine common law provinces, concerning a non-surgical form of permanent birth control

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Recognition and Awards

2022-2027 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in litigation: product liability

2020-2026 *Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys*—Litigation Star (class actions, commercial, intellectual property and product liability)

2022-2025 *LMG Life Sciences*—Leading life sciences lawyer in non-IP litigation and enforcement

2024-2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in product liability law

2023-2025 *Lexology Index* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*)—Healthcare & Life Sciences —Leading lawyer in product liability defence

2022-2026 *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*—Leading lawyer in product liability, class actions and life sciences and health

2026

Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer—Independently Rated Lawyer (as nominated by senior in-house counsel)

2023

Business Today—Top 10 Influential Product Liability Lawyers Reshaping Canada's Litigation Scene

Insights

***Palmer*: certification denied for class action based on risk of future harm**

The decision confirms that viable negligence class actions must allege actual harm, not merely an increased risk of future harm.

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

[Patently Absurd, Episode 21: MOMT, FC revisits Gemak v. Jempak, and the “duty to innovate” in Canada](#)

[Do Canadian manufacturers owe a duty to develop safer alternatives?](#)

[IADC 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

[Bill C-30 amendments to the Pest Control Products Act and Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act](#)

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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.

***Benchmark Litigation* recognizes 22 Torys lawyers in its 2026 guide**

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

[176 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2026 Best Lawyers guide](#)

[23 Torys litigators recognized in the 2025 Benchmark Litigation guide](#)

[81% of Torys' Canadian partners ranked by Chambers Canada](#)

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Professional Involvement

Grant is a member of the peer-reviewed International Association of Defence Counsel, where he serves on the executive of the Drug, Device and Biotechnology and Toxic and Hazardous Substances committees, and the Defense Research Institute. He is also a frequent speaker and skills instructor for the Ontario Bar Association and Advocates' Society. In 2024, Grant also joins the Ontario Bar Association Class Action Bench-Bar Liaison Committee.

Grant volunteers as an advocacy adviser for Ryerson University's Law Practice Program and as a Director on the Board of Directors of the Greater Toronto Hockey league (GTHL). He previously served on the Board of Directors of the Leaside Hockey Association for six years, including three as President.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LLB, 1998

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

BA, 1995

Yale University

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2000

British Columbia, 2024