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Robert practises corporate commercial litigation and arbitration with an emphasis on defending class actions, product liability, securities, banking, real estate and shareholder disputes. He represents a wide range of clients, including financial institutions, large multinational organizations, securities dealers, manufacturers and real estate developers. He also represents several leading manufacturers of consumer goods, consumer electronic products, software, medical devices, recreational vehicles, heavy industrial equipment, construction vehicles and other products in product liability claims.

Robert regularly appears before all levels of Quebec courts and arbitration panels. He has also appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

- Defending a leading international multilevel marketing company in the defence of a proposed national class action brought on behalf of 40,000 Canadian distributors alleging misrepresentations and operating an illegal pyramid scheme in violation of the *Competition Act*
- Defending leading international pharmaceutical companies in the defence of products liability and consumer fraud class actions involving various drugs and other products
- Defending several international manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, chemicals and automotive parts, and air carriers in class actions, involving allegations of price fixing and economic loss
- Acting for Canada's largest bank and securities dealer and several related entities in a proposed class action involving allegations of misrepresentation relating to the sale of certain investment products
- Representing several other major financial institutions in the defence of a number of proposed class actions alleging consumer fraud and various breaches of the *Quebec Consumer Protection Act* and the *Civil Code*

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Robert is recognized as a leading lawyer in the following publications:

- *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business 2019* (Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence) - Canada; Litigation: General Commercial - Quebec)
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019* (Alternative Dispute Resolution, Class Action Litigation (Defendants), Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Law)
- *The Legal 500 Canada 2018* (Leading Lawyer - Dispute Resolution - Quebec)

- *Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys - 2018 Edition* (Litigation Star - Competition, Product Liability, Class Action, General Commercial, White Collar Crime)
- *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2018* (Dispute Resolution: Class Action, Dispute Resolution: Canada)
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2018* (Class Actions, Litigation, Corporate & Commercial Litigation - Product Liability)
- *The 2018 Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada*
- *Who's Who Legal: Litigation 2018*
- *Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence 2018*
- Legal Media Group's *Guide to the World's Leading Litigation and Product Liability Lawyers 2018*
- *Acritas Stars 2018: Independently Rated Lawyer* (Nominated as a stand-out lawyer by senior in-house counsel)
- *Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys - 2015 Edition* (Top 25 Trial Lawyers in Canada)

PUBLICATIONS

[Co-author: Catucci v. Valeant: Implications for Quebec Financings](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Securities Litigation, January 10, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Robert sits on the boards of, or acts as counsel to, several Canadian subsidiaries of European multinational companies. He is a guest lecturer at McGill University's Faculty of Law advanced advocacy program and a member of the Montréal, Quebec and Canadian Bar Associations, the Defence Research Institute, the Canadian Defence Lawyers Association and the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel. Robert is a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a by-invitation-only honorary trial lawyer society.

EDUCATION

Admitted to the Quebec Bar - 1985

LL.B., McGill University - 1984

B.C.L., McGill University - 1983

B.A. (Hon., Economics), McGill University - 1980