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Paul Bates acts as senior counsel for leading law firms in Canada and internationally in high-stakes business litigation, collective redress, and appellate advocacy.

Paul qualified as a United Kingdom barrister in 2018 after a 35+ year career as a leading counsel in Canada. Paul's vast experience and well-earned reputation for effective advocacy generates request for representation from lawyers and corporate counsel in Canada, the United States of America, Europe, and Asia.

Paul is particularly experienced in disputes relating to financial services and securities, competition litigation, and commercial arbitration (e.g., insurance/reinsurance/retrocession).

Reinsurance expertise includes catastrophe losses, allocation/aggregation issues, and contested recapture of high-value life and reinsurance contracts.

Competition expertise includes major Canadian and UK collective redress proceedings involving diverse industries.

Securities litigation expertise includes some of Canada's largest and most notable actions with respect to investment funds and large-cap issuers.

Financial services expertise includes complex regulatory controversies involving financial services and products, including novel digital currencies.

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Areas of Expertise

International Commercial Litigation

In Canada, recent examples of leading judicial decisions include:

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Notable International Commercial Litigation cases

McCorquodale v. RBC Asset Management, 2021 BCSC 144

British Columbia Supreme Court decision certifying a global class action of claimants with respect to excessive fees charged by asset managers to the detriment of unitholders in Canadian investment funds.

Hughes v. Liquor Control Board of Ontario, 2019 ONCA 305, 145 O.R. (3d) 401 (C.A.)

Leading decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal on the regulated conduct defence as applicable to civil class actions by competition claimants.

Airia Brands Inc. v. Air Canada, 2017 ONCA 792

Leading decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal on the courts jurisdiction to certify a global class of competition claimants with respect to an alleged air cargo price-fixing conspiracy.

LBP Holdings Ltd. v. Hycroft Gold Corp. et al, 2018 ONSC 1794

Decision of the divisional Court of Ontario certifying a class action of claimants for negligent misrepresentation in relation to a certificate by underwriters in an IPO.

Jeffery v. London Life Insurance Co., 2011 CarswellOnt 11987; 2011 ONCA 683, 208 A.C.W.S. (3d) 575, 90 B.L.R. (4th) 1, 284 O.A.C. 260, 2 C.C.L.I. (5th) 84, 343 D.L.R. (4th) 6

Decision of the Ontario Court of appeal setting aside a transaction involving the participating account of a leading Canadian life insurer for failure to comply with GAAP and other regulatory contraventions.

Memberships

- Law Society of Ontario
- Advocates Society (Canada)
- Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society
- Middle Temple, U.K.

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Awards

- Certified as a Specialist in Civil Litigation by Law Society of Ontario

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