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Graeme is widely recognized as one of Canada's leading white collar criminal defence practitioners. He has been counsel in several of the most notable white collar and regulatory investigations and prosecutions in recent Canadian history, including the successful defence of one of the accused in the landmark bribery prosecution [R. v. Barra](#), a precedent-setting FINTRAC enforcement action against a cryptocurrency exchange for alleged violations of the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act*, and multiple high-profile securities regulatory proceedings. In addition, Graeme is frequently retained by companies to conduct internal investigations and instructed in related civil litigation.

Graeme additionally specializes in international trade law, where his practice encompasses litigation, investigations, transactional advice and compliance advice in regard to economic sanctions; import, export and technology transfer controls; defence trade controls; customs laws; anti-dumping, countervail and safeguard measures; and anti-corruption laws. Graeme regularly acts for Canadian and multinational companies in litigation before the Federal Court and the Canadian International Trade Tribunal; in audits, inspections and administrative proceedings conducted by the Canada Border Services Agency; and with respect to trade law issues implicated in domestic and cross-border transactions.

Graeme taught Trial Advocacy at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law for several years. He also previously taught Evidence at Osgoode Hall Law School as an adjunct professor. In addition, Graeme has testified as an expert witness on criminal and constitutional law issues before the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on multiple occasions.

Experience - White Collar Criminal Defence

- Counsel to leading cryptocurrency exchange in Ontario Securities Commission investigation.
- Counsel to leading cryptocurrency exchange in court application concerning seizure of alleged proceeds of crime.
- Acted in several Competition Bureau investigations regarding alleged price-fixing and misleading advertising.
- Successful defence of multinational aerospace company facing charges in relation to a workplace critical injury.
- Counsel to audit committee of a public company in internal investigation into certain related-party transactions.
- [*R. v. Barra*](#) – successful defence of an individual prosecuted under the *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* in landmark bribery prosecution.
- Counsel to an individual in a high profile investigation for alleged tax evasion arising out of the *Panama Papers*.

Experience - International Trade and Investment Law

- Counsel to multinational corporation in enforcement action under the *Customs Act*.
- Successful defence of wholesale food distributor in prosecution under the *Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act*.
- Represented individual founders of a technology company in internal investigation into alleged economic sanctions violations.
- Advised numerous companies with respect to compliance with economic sanctions imposed by Canada pursuant to the *Special Economic Measures Act* and the *Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act*.
- Advised numerous companies on blocking measures in relation to Cuba.

Experience - Public Law

- Counsel to a multinational company in an investigation by the Office of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario into alleged violations of the *Lobbyists Registration Act*.
- [*Ontario \(Attorney General\) v. Bogaerts*](#) - counsel to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association as intervener in a section 7 challenge to animal welfare legislation.

Insights & Events

- Centre de ressources sur le commerce et les tarifs douaniers, points de vue de BLG, avril 2025
- Auteur, « Canada-U.S. tariff war resumes », article de BLG, mars 2025
- Auteur, « Prospérer dans un contexte d'incertitude tarifaire », article de BLG, février 2025

- Auteur, « Tarifs douaniers du Canada sur les véhicules électriques chinois », article de BLG, octobre 2024
- Auteur, « No taxation without presentations: Canada to launch public consultations on possible tariff hikes on Chinese EVs », article de BLG, juin 2024
- Auteur, « Punishing the crime, not the process: key considerations when investigating and reporting white-collar crime », article de BLG, novembre 2023
- Auteur, « Canada considers amendments to sanctions regime targeting Russia », article de BLG, février 2022
- Auteur, « Effective advocacy in investigations », article de BLG, juillet 2021
- Auteur, « \$name », article de BLG, janvier 2021
- Auteur, « Adapting U.S. compliance programs to incorporate Canada's foreign corruption law », article de BLG, décembre 2020
- Coffee Break with BLG: Session 2, vidéo de BLG, octobre 2020
- Auteur, « Corporate communications with government in the pandemic: Maintaining compliance with lobbying laws », article de BLG, avril 2020
- Auteur, « Coronavirus et droit criminel : ce que vous devez savoir », article de BLG, mars 2020
- Auteur, « Remediation agreement guideline for Canadian prosecutors », article de BLG, février 2020
- Co-Author, "[Multinational Companies Overlook Canada's Foreign Corruption Law at their Peril.](#)" Global Investigations Review, January 2020
- Speaker, "Extradition and Red Notices: The Long Arm of the Law is Getting Longer", American Bar Association Third Global White Collar Crime Institute, June 2019.
- Co-Author, "Civil Enforcement of Canada's Foreign Corruption Law?", FCPA Professor Blog, January 18, 2019.
- Auteur, « Anti-Money Laundering And Fraud In Canada », article de BLG, janvier 2019
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- Coauteur, The Practitioner's Guide to Global Investigations, chapitre « Canada », 3e édition, Global Investigations Review, 2019
- Co-author, "Supreme Court Clarifies Process for Challenging Production Orders," BLG Bulletin, December 2018
- Auteur, « Deferred Prosecution Agreements are Coming to Canada », article de BLG, septembre 2018
- Coauteur, « Deferred Prosecution Agreements are Coming to Canada », Bulletin de BLG, septembre 2018
- Speaker, "Addressing Human Trafficking in the Corporate Supply Chain," International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law – The Scourge of Trafficking in the 21st Century, July 2018
- Speaker, "Self-Reporting and Legal Professional Privilege in the Context of Bribery Investigations," 16th Annual IBA Anti-Corruption Conference, June 2018

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Advocates' Society
- Member, Criminal Lawyers' Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section
- Member, International Bar Association
- Teaching Advisor, Trial Advocacy, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, 2018-2021

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2020) of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations - Nationwide).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (White Collar Defence & Investigations).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2021) of *Benchmark Canada – The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a Litigation Star.
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2022) of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Business Crime Defence)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Global* (Business Crime Defence)
- Recognized in the 2020 edition (and since 2018) of the *Benchmark Canada 40 and Under Hotlist*.
- Recognized in the 2020 edition (and since 2018) of *Benchmark Canada - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a Future Star.

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2009
- LLM, Faculté de droit de Harvard, 2010
- JD, Université de Toronto, 2008
- MA in Economics, Université de Toronto, 2008
- BSc in Mathematics and Engineering, Université Queen's, 2003

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