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Graham Splawski is trusted by some of Canada's largest corporations to manage their highest risk, most complex disputes and investigations with creativity and precision. He is a core member of BLG's securities and class actions teams, delivering landmark results in prominent civil litigation and regulatory matters.

Graham secured a **major victory** for **Amazon** in a proposed employment class action brought on behalf of 73,000 delivery drivers; achieved **complete exoneration** for Cormark Securities, one of Canada's largest independent investment banks, in an Ontario Securities Commission prosecution; and regularly represents major financial institutions like Scotiabank and Bank of Montreal, including at the **Supreme Court of Canada** in the leading case on bills of exchange and cheque fraud. He also regularly advises on **confidential internal and regulatory investigations**.

Graham is ranked by *Chambers Canada* as a leading securities litigator. Clients describe him as someone who "can cut to the chase and get to the bottom of issues" and as "incredibly responsive," a "very effective people manager," and having "a high degree of knowledge and professionalism." He has been recognized by Benchmark Litigation as a Future Star since 2023.

A skilled trial lawyer, Graham has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario including the Commercial List, the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal, regulatory tribunals, arbitrators and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Graham's areas of focus include:

- class actions, including securities, employment, consumer, banking and competition actions
- mergers and acquisitions litigation
- securities regulation, including internal investigations
- shareholder disputes, including oppression claims and proxy fights
- banking litigation, including bills of exchange and debtor/creditor litigation
- general commercial litigation, including contractual and enforcement matters, and fraud

## Experience

- Counsel to **Guardian Capital Group** Limited in its \$1.67 billion go-private transaction with Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc.
- Representing **Scotiabank** in an appeal to the Supreme Court concerning cheque fraud and bills of exchange
- Representing **Amazon** in a class action brought on behalf of over 70,000 delivery drivers claiming for alleged unpaid wages and benefits
- Representing **Cormark Securities** in an Ontario Securities Commission prosecution alleging breaches of securities law
- Representing **Mackenzie Financial** in a class action alleging prospectus misrepresentation and breach of trust
- Representing a syndicate of underwriters in a class action alleging prospectus misrepresentation and secondary market misrepresentation
- Acting for public companies and registrants in confidential internal and regulatory investigations
- Representing **BMO** in a class action concerning a fraud committed by a BMO customer
- Representing **AIC Limited** in a class action alleging breach of trust related to market timing
- Representing **Deutsche Bank** in class actions alleging price fixing in the foreign exchange, sovereign bonds and precious metals markets
- Representing **Samsung** in a class action alleging price fixing in the DRAM market
- Representing **CanniMed Therapeutics** in defence of a hostile takeover bid and proxy fight
- Representing **Industrial Alliance Securities** in an action concerning a former investment dealer
- Representing **ClearFlow Energy Finance** in a precedent-setting successful appeal concerning the enforceability of loan agreements and the Interest Act
- Representing **Globalive Capital** in a litigation concerning the purchase of Wind Mobile
- Representing **Dolly Varden Silver Corp.** in defence of a hostile takeover bid
- Representing a major insurer in fraud recovery proceedings, including obtaining Anton Piller Orders (civil search), Mareva injunctions (asset freezing) and Norwich Pharmacal Orders (pre-action discovery)

## Insights & Events

- Auteur, « Waterous quenches Greenfire's poison pill », article de BLG, septembre 2025
- Auteur, « From red flags to repercussions: What CCOs and UDPs need to know about the new landscape of gatekeeper obligations », article de BLG, juillet 2025

- Auteur, « Major proposed reforms to Ontario's Rules of Civil Procedure », article de BLG, avril 2025
- Auteur, « Simply the best (evidence): Capital Markets Tribunal rules on read-ins », article de BLG, février 2025
- Auteur, « OCMT chokes on Bitfarms 15 per cent poison pill », article de BLG, novembre 2024
- Auteur, « OSC short-selling prosecution dismissed », article de BLG, novembre 2024
- Auteur, « Howdy (limited) partner: Six key features of Ontario limited partnerships », article de BLG, octobre 2024
- Auteur, « Discharged bankrupts may be exempt from administrative penalties: Poonian v. British Columbia (Securities Commission) », article de BLG, août 2024
- Auteur, « After the handshake: Good faith obligations in pre-contractual M&A agreements », article de BLG, avril 2024
- Auteur, « Litige commercial – Rétrospective de l'année : cinq décisions importantes en 2023 », article de BLG, janvier 2024
- Auteur, « Ontario Court of Appeal upholds approval of plan of arrangement despite employee objections », article de BLG, juillet 2023
- Auteur, « Where there's smoke: No presumption of loss in breach of honest performance », article de BLG, juillet 2023
- Auteur, « Sursis et rejet pour le recours collectif des livreurs contre Amazon », article de BLG, juillet 2023
- Auteur, « Prospectus misrepresentation securities class action dismissed against underwriters », article de BLG, décembre 2022
- Auteur, « The iMessage and WhatsApp Trap: Compliance with record-keeping obligations in the BYOD era », article de BLG, octobre 2022
- Auteur, « Ontario court dismisses automotive class action alleging false advertising on labels », article de BLG, août 2022
- Auteur, « Top 10 commercial decisions of 2021 », article de BLG, février 2022
- Auteur, « First class action dismissed for delay under new Ontario Class Proceedings Act », article de BLG, janvier 2022
- Auteur, « Cineplex awarded \$1.24 billion judgment in takeover fight », article de BLG, décembre 2021
- Presenter, "The Advocates' Society Eleventh Annual Securities Symposium," September 23, 2021
- Auteur, « Litiges commerciaux au Canada : points à retenir des décisions clés de 2020 », article de BLG, avril 2021
- Auteur, « Des propos orduriers : la Cour suprême se penche sur le rôle de la bonne foi en matière de discrétion contractuelle », article de BLG, février 2021
- Auteur, « Orientation de la Cour concernant l'application des dispositions relatives à l'EDI et au cours normal des affaires dans les opérations de fusions et acquisitions », article de BLG, janvier 2021
- Auteur, « La Cour suprême du Canada revisite la bonne foi en matière contractuelle », article de BLG, janvier 2021
- Auteur, « La Cour suprême ne mise pas sur la renonciation au recours délictuel », article de BLG, juillet 2020

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Ontario Bar Association

## Community Involvement

- Coach, McGill's Corporate/Securities Moot Team

## Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Litigation: Securities (Ontario)).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2023) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada* as a "Future Star"
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2023) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada's* "40 & Under Hot List".

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2015
- LLB, BCL, Université McGill, 2014
- MA, Université McGill, 2010
- BA (Hons.), Université McGill, 2009

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