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As national managing partner and CEO of BLG, David Di Paolo is building the law firm of the future: agile, innovative and delivering exceptional work with unmatched efficiency. He combines the discipline of a highly ranked litigator with the vision of a transformational leader, testing new ideas, investing in talent and setting new standards for performance.

Over more than two decades, David has acted for leading financial institutions, public companies, regulators and professionals in some of the country's **most complex commercial, securities and class action matters**, including before the Supreme Court of Canada. Clients trust him to manage risk, protect reputation and deliver clarity when it counts. Before becoming national managing partner, he co-led BLG's 400-member disputes group and served on the firm's partnership board.

A lifelong resident of Hamilton — a city known for its industrial grit and creative resurgence — David is a **decisive, pragmatic and open-minded leader** who isn't afraid to get his hands dirty. He built his nationally respected career at BLG because of the meaningful work, distinguished mentors and a culture that rewards initiative and collaboration. As national managing partner, he's focused on what matters most to organizations facing complex challenges and pursuing transformative opportunities: strengthening systems, setting expectations and fostering a culture that inspires BLG's teams to deliver consistent value across practices, industries and offices.

David is ranked among Canada's top litigators by *Chambers Canada*, *Legal 500*, *Lexpert*, *Benchmark Canada* and *Best Lawyers*. In 2025, he was named Securities Litigator of the Year by *Benchmark Litigation*.

He invites conversations with clients, peers and other innovators who are rethinking how legal work gets done and what high performance looks like. Contact him [by email](#) or [on LinkedIn](#) to exchange ideas and collaborate on initiatives.

Experience

- *Fischer v. AIC et al.* – represents one of the fund companies in a securities class action regarding alleged market timing activities. *Pozgaj v. Mackenzie Financial Corporation et al.*: acting for Mackenzie Financial in a class action alleging prospectus misrepresentation and breach of trust related to trailing fees paid by mutual funds.
- *Clarus Securities Inc. et al v. Aphria Inc.*: acting for a syndicate of underwriters in a class action alleging prospectus misrepresentation and secondary market misrepresentation.
- *Pardhan v. Bank of Montreal and Kherani v. Bank of Montreal*: acting for BMO in a class action concerning a fraud committed by a BMO customer.
- *Carrie Eklund v. Goodlife Fitness Centres Inc.* – acting for Goodlife, the largest fitness chain in Canada, in an unpaid wages and overtime Class Action claim related to its club locations in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.
- *Fulawka v. Bank of Nova Scotia* – represented the Bank of Nova Scotia in an overtime class action.
- Represents **Handa Student Travel** in a wages class action.
- *Wrzesnewskyj v. A. G.* – represented **Elections Canada** in a contested election application in Etobicoke Centre both at the application and before the Supreme Court of Canada.
- *Gould v. Western Coal* – represented one of the defendant directors in successfully defeating certification in a securities class action.
- Represented **Parrish & Heimbecker** in successfully setting aside a shareholder's rights plan before the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC).
- *French v. Karas et al.* – represented the dealer in defence of a class action proceeding.
- *Franmed Consultants (1993) Inc., et al v. Medcan Health Management Inc. et al* - represented the Chairman of the Board in defending an action in oppression.
- *Dawson v. Rx Drug Mart Inc. et al* – representing the company in its response to an oppression application and claim in wrongful termination.
- Acted for a number of institutional shareholders before the OSC and the court in opposing Magna's proposal to eliminate its dual class share structure.
- Research in Motion – represented senior executive in options back-dating regulatory investigation and settlement.
- *YBM Magnex International Inc. et al.* – represented one of the respondents in defending an OSC proceeding and in defending a class action proceeding.

Insights & Events

- Auteur, « Simply the best (evidence): Capital Markets Tribunal rules on read-ins », article de BLG, février 2025
- Auteur, « Everything you need to know about the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO): a dynamic resource », article de BLG, février 2025

- Auteur, « OSC short-selling prosecution dismissed », article de BLG, novembre 2024
- Auteur, « Court opens the door to a finding of fiduciary duty in relation to non-managed accounts », article de BLG, juin 2024
- Auteur, « Sursis et rejet pour le recours collectif des livreurs contre Amazon », article de BLG, juillet 2023
- Auteur, « Nouvel OAR du Canada : nouveau nom, nouvelles politiques et nouvelles mesures de mise en application », article de BLG, avril 2023
- Perles de sagesse : Tendances en matière de réglementation des investissements et préparation en vue de l'entrée en scène du Nouvel organisme d'autoréglementation du Canada, vidéo de BLG, janvier 2023
- Auteur, « The iMessage and WhatsApp Trap: Compliance with record-keeping obligations in the BYOD era », article de BLG, octobre 2022
- Auteur, « Alberta Court of Appeal affirms key decision regarding investor loss class actions », article de BLG, avril 2022
- Tendances à surveiller en 2021 – Litiges : une transformation accélérée, points de vue de BLG, janvier 2021
- Auteur, « COVID-19 update from IIROC and the MFDA », article de BLG, mars 2020
- Auteur, « IIROC Releases Bulletin on Limitation of Liability & Exclusionary Clauses », article de BLG, novembre 2019
- Auteur, « CSA Releases Client Focused Reforms », article de BLG, octobre 2019
- Co-author, "Supreme Court Clarifies Process for Challenging Production Orders," BLG Bulletin, December 2018
- Co-Author, "Class and Collective Actions in Canada," Lexology Guide, November, 2018.
- Auteur, « Les acvm publient leurs propositions révisées de réformes « axées sur le client » et annoncent leurs orientations concernant la rémunération intégrée des titres d'opc », article de BLG, juin 2018
- Auteur, « Trailing Fees Class Action Commenced », article de BLG, avril 2018
- Editor, Brokers' Report
- Co-Author, "Costs Principles in Class Actions Are Not Asymmetrical," BLG Class Actions Bulletin, May 2015
- Quoted, "What to do if a client launches a lawsuit," Investment Executive
- Quoted, "Costly advice: Should all investors be treated as 'completely vulnerable'?", Financial Post
- Quoted, "Five things clients — and advisors — should do to protect themselves," Financial Post
- Quoted, "IFB Summit: OBAs in compliance spotlight," Investment Executive
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- \$name

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Professional Involvement

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

Bar Admissions & Education

- Ontario, 1998
 - LLB, Université de Western Ontario, 1996
 - BSc, (Hons., summa cum laude) in Biology and Psychology, McMaster University, 1993
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