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Biography

Gerrit Yau (he/him/his) is an associate in the Business Law Group at Cassels. Gerrit received his JD from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. Before joining Cassels as a summer student, Gerrit interned at the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) for six months in 2020, where he researched and drafted salary arbitration briefs and rebuttal documents on behalf of NHL players and contributed to the drafting of the NHL's historic 4-year Collective Bargaining Agreement extension amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Gerrit also interned for a certified Major League Baseball (MLB) agent in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 MLB salary arbitration windows, where he researched and prepared salary arbitration presentations on behalf of MLB players. Prior to joining Cassels as an associate, Gerrit was both a summer and articling student with the firm.

In 2022, Gerrit and his team won 2nd place at the biannual Canadian Copyright Policy Moot for their presentation titled "Copyright Implications of Counterfeit NFTs," presenting before a panel of judges including Ms. Nathalie Th  berge, Vice-Chair and CEO of the Copyright Board of Canada. In addition, Gerrit was an active member of his student community as Co-President of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, Co-Director of the 2020-21 Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada, and Director of Online Publication at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review.

Prior to studying law, Gerrit graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) from the Smith School of Business at Queen's University, where he received the Richard J. Hand Commerce Award for "exemplifying service to Queen's and the community, leadership, humanity, and academic achievement at the highest level."

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Placement

- Cassels Acts as Strategic and Legal Advisor in Canopy Growth's Acquisition of Supreme Cannabis

Insights

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- ISED Minister Publishes Letter on Amendments to the Artificial Intelligence and Data Act

Education / Bar Admissions

- J.D., University of Toronto
- Ontario, 2023