



## Lara Jackson

Partner

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### Expertise

- Litigation
- Class Actions
- Competition & Foreign Investment
- Mining
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Securities Litigation
- Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)

### Biography

Lara Jackson (she/her/hers) is a partner in the Litigation Group at Cassels and is Co-Chair of the firm's Securities Litigation and Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) Groups. Lara has an active and varied commercial litigation practice with particular expertise in class actions and securities litigation. Lara brings a strategic, analytical and practical approach to the most complicated disputes, while maintaining her focus on achieving resolution as efficiently as possible. Lara has represented clients in a broad range of commercial cases involving proxy contests, takeover bids, contested plans of arrangement, shareholder disputes, oppression remedies, insolvency disputes and securities and competition class actions. Lara also regularly represents market participants in Canadian and cross-border civil and regulatory proceedings involving alleged securities act violations. Lara is recognized as a leader in her field by *Best Lawyers in Canada*, *Benchmark Litigation* (as one of the top 100 women in litigation in Canada) and *Chambers Canada*, in which clients note that Lara is an "excellent tactician" and a "very analytical and thoughtful litigator" who does an "excellent job" of defending clients' interests." In 2022, Lara was elected to a four-year term as a Director of The Advocates' Society.

Lara's representative work includes:

- Defending issuers and individual directors and officers in securities class actions
- Defending financial institutions in price fixing competition class actions
- Representing market participants in securities regulatory proceedings
- Representing issuers and individual directors and officers in complex commercial litigation disputes
- Representing bidders and targets in hostile takeover bid litigation
- Representing issuers and stakeholders in contested plans of arrangement

### Achievements

- *Benchmark Litigation* (Litigation Star: Securities, Commercial, Insolvency, Energy)
- *Benchmark Litigation* (Top 100 Women in Litigation: Canada)
- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Securities Litigation, Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Class Action Litigation)
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Litigation: Corporate Commercial, Litigation: Securities, Class Actions)
- *Chambers Canada* (Litigation: General Commercial – Ontario, Litigation: Securities – Ontario, Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence) – Canada)
- *Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Securities Litigation)
- *Lexpert Special Edition*, Global Mining
- *Lexpert Special Edition*, Litigation

## Client Commentary

- “Lara is a very talented lawyer.” – *Chambers Canada (Securities Litigation)*
- “Lara is a strong litigator with impressive abilities.” – *Chambers (Class Actions)*
- “Lara Jackson is a very analytical and thoughtful litigator, and she looks after her clients well.” – *Chambers Canada (Litigation)*
- “Very intelligent and very composed; nothing ruffles her feathers.” – *Chambers Canada (Litigation)*
- “Her main strength is her thoroughness and she is a very good communicator.” – *Chambers Canada (Class Actions)*
- “Highly valued for her ability to ‘stay one step ahead of the other side.’” – *Chambers Canada (Litigation)*
- “An excellent tactician who navigates [her clients] through the case.” – *Chambers Canada (Litigation)*
- “Does an ‘excellent job’ of defending clients’ interests in class action proceedings.” – *Chambers Canada (Class Action Defence)*
- “Great; super-responsive and very knowledgeable.” – *Chambers Canada (Class Action Defence)*

## Recent Representative Work

- Nighthawk and Moneta Complete At-Market Merger to Form STLLR Gold

- Canopy Growth Enhances Financial Flexibility and Delevers Company Balance Sheet by \$437 Million
- WonderFi, Coinsquare & CoinSmart Complete Business Combination Agreement Creating Canada's Largest Regulated Crypto Asset Trading Platform
- Benchmark Metals to Acquire Thesis Gold
- BMO Proposes to Acquire AIR MILES from LoyaltyOne through CCAA Sales Process

## Insights

- Think Before You Act(ivism): An Overview of Shareholder Activism
- Continued Focus on ESG Issues by Proxy Advisory Firms for 2023 Proxy Season, including "Say on Climate"
- Recent Changes to Proxy Advisory Firm Policies Designed to Promote Diversity and Accountability

## Pro Bono & Community Involvement

- The Advocates' Society, Director, Board of Directors
- Law Society of Ontario Disciplinary Hearings, Pro Bono Duty Counsel
- Ontario Bar Association Civil Litigation and Class Actions Executives, Past Member
- Ontario Bar Association Council, Past Member
- Ontario Security Commission Securities Proceedings Advisory Committee, Past Member

## Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1997
- B.Sc. (Hons.), Queen's University, 1994
- Ontario, 1999
- British Columbia, 2015

## Associations

- American Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- Litigation Counsel of America (Fellow)
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society (Member, Board of Directors)

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- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Women's White Collar Defense Association