

# Cassels



## Lara Jackson

Partner

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### Expertise

- Litigation
- Class Actions
- Competition & Foreign Investment
- Mining
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Securities Litigation

### Biography

Lara Jackson (she/her/hers) is a partner in the Litigation Group at Cassels and is the Chair of the firm's Securities Litigation Group. Lara has an active and varied commercial litigation practice with 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. She has defended numerous class actions involving securities, competition law, employment and oppression matters. Lara also regularly represents market participants in Canadian and cross-border civil and regulatory proceedings, involving alleged securities act violations. She has represented clients in a broad range of commercial cases involving proxy contests, takeover bids, contested plans of arrangement, shareholder disputes, oppression remedies, and insolvency disputes. Lara is recognized as a leader in her field by *Best Lawyers in Canada*, *Benchmark Litigation*, and *Chambers Canada* which notes that Lara is “highly valued for her ability to ‘stay one step ahead of the other side.’”

Lara’s representative work includes:

- Defending financial institutions in price fixing competition class actions
- Defending issuers and individual directors and officers in securities class actions, including numerous cross-border securities class actions
- Representing bidders and targets in hostile takeover bid litigation
- Representing market participants in cross-border criminal and regulatory proceedings
- Representing issuers and individual directors and officers in breach of contract and breach of confidentiality proceedings, including injunction and Anton Piller proceedings
- Representing a minority shareholder of a public company in a successful appellate court reversal of court of approval of a plan of arrangement

Lara is a member of the firm’s Executive Committee and Audit & Risk Management Committee.

## Achievements

- *Benchmark Litigation* (Litigation Star: Securities, Commercial, Insolvency, Energy)
- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Securities Litigation, Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Class Action Litigation)
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Litigation – Securities, Litigation – Corporate Commercial)
- *Chambers Canada* (Litigation: General Commercial – Ontario, Litigation: Securities – Ontario, Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence) – Canada)
- *Lexpert Special Edition*, Litigation

## Client Commentary

- “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

- Lundin Mining Acquires Josemaria Resources for an Implied Equity Value of \$625 Million
- Kirkland Lake Gold and Agnico Eagle Complete Merger of Equals Transaction to Create Senior Gold Producer with Market Capitalization of US\$22.4 Billion
- Cassels Successfully Defeats Leave and Certification Motion in the Lundin Mining Class Action
- INV Metals Acquired by Dundee Precious Metals

- Sprott Physical Uranium Trust Launches Following Trust Conversion of Uranium Participation Corporation

## Insights

- Ontario Court Orders Nearly \$700,000 in Costs Following Securities Class Action Decision
- Ch-ch-ch-changes: Ontario Court Clarifies Meaning of “Change” Under the Securities Act
- Outlook 2021: Enhanced Focus on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Initiatives by All Market Participants

## Pro Bono & Community Involvement

- The Advocates’ Society, Member, Board of Directors
- Law Society of Ontario Disciplinary Hearings, Pro Bono Duty Counsel
- Ontario Bar Association (OBA) Civil Litigation and Class Actions Executives, Past Member
- Ontario Bar Association (OBA) Council, Past Member
- Ontario Security Commission (OSC) 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
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates’ Society (Member, Board of Directors)
- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Women’s White Collar Defense Association