



Derek Ronde

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Expertise

- Litigation
- Class Actions
- Competition & Foreign Investment
- Franchise
- Product Liability
- Securities Litigation

Biography

Derek Ronde is a partner in the Litigation Group at Cassels and serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Class Actions Group. Derek has a wide-ranging corporate-commercial litigation practice. He has significant experience in a multitude of areas including class proceedings, franchise litigation, product liability, securities litigation, employment litigation, contract disputes, regulatory investigations, injunctions and other commercial litigation practice areas. He is recognized as a leader in his field by such authorities as the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, *Best Lawyers in Canada*, and *Chambers Canada* which notes that "clients find him 'quite thoughtful and practical' and 'strong and persuasive in court.' "

His experience includes acting for:

- A Canadian franchisor in the successful defence of a \$100 million class action over rebates brought by franchisees
- Corporate defendants on a variety of class proceedings
- A minority shareholder in the successful challenge to a multi-billion-dollar plan of arrangement
- An international consulting firm in a variety of regulatory-related matters and class proceedings
- A Canadian manufacturing company in a variety of dealership actions and arbitrations

Achievements

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Franchise)
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Franchise Law: Franchisor)
- *Chambers Canada* (Franchising)
- *Franchise Times* (Legal Eagle)
- *Lexology Index: Canada* (Franchise) (formerly *Who's Who Legal*)
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- *Lexpert Special Edition*, Litigation

Client Commentary

- "Derek is a strong speaker and an expert in his

field.” – *Chambers Canada (Franchising)*

- “Very strategic – a strong litigator with a strong understanding of franchising.” – *Chambers Canada (Franchising)*
- “Well versed in the challenges of high-stakes franchising disputes.” – *Chambers Canada (Franchising)*
- “A litigator who is well known in the franchising space.” – *Chambers Canada (Franchising)*
- “Clients find him ‘quite thoughtful and practical’ and ‘strong and persuasive in court.’” – *Chambers Canada (Franchising)*

Insights

- Proper Disclosure is “Paramount”: The Ontario Court of Appeal Weighs in on a Complex Franchise Rescission Case
- Restaurant Franchisor Succeeds in Removing Itself from Franchisee “Trip and Fall” Case
- Closing Time: The Ontario Superior Court of Justice Examines a Damages Claim Resulting from the Termination of an Overholding Franchisee

Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2001
- B.A. (Hons), University of Toronto, 1997
- Ontario, 2002

Associations

- American Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- Canadian Franchise Association
- International Bar Association
- International Franchise Association
- Ontario Bar Association, Chair, Franchise Law Section (2023-24), Franchise Law Executive and Former Member, Class Actions Section
- The Advocates’ Society