



**Christopher Richter**

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**Education**

LLB/BCL, 1995, McGill University

BA, 1990, University of Toronto

**Bar Admissions**

Québec, 1996

Ontario, 1999

British Columbia, 2014

**Practice**

Christopher practises in the fields of civil, corporate and commercial litigation and dispute resolution. His practice includes class actions, securities litigation, professional liability, product liability and employment law. He has appeared before the Quebec courts of first instance and of appeal, the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal, the Ontario Superior Court and the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as numerous administrative tribunals and arbitration panels.

Christopher has acted as arbitrator in numerous disputes (sole arbitrator, or member or chair of a panel), both domestic and international (including ICC and ICDR arbitrations). He has an interest and significant expertise in transnational disputes and matters of private international law.

Christopher is fluently bilingual in English and French.

**Recognition**

Chambers & Partners' *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in litigation, Québec (2017, 2019)

*Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in Alternate Dispute Resolution, Corporate and Commercial Litigation (2018-2019)

Lexpert/Thomson Reuters' *Guide to the Leading U.S./Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada*—Most Frequently Recommended lawyer in dispute resolution (2018)

Lexpert/Thomson Reuter's *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*—Leading lawyer in commercial arbitration (2018), corporate commercial litigation (2018), securities litigation (2018)

*Benchmark Canada*, "litigation star" in the fields of commercial litigation, class actions, securities litigation, and arbitration (2018)

*Best Lawyers in Canada*—Class Action Litigation Lawyer of the Year (2017)

## Representative Work

- Scientific Games in defense of a motion for an interlocutory and permanent injunction, and damages before the Superior Court of Québec relating to allegations of a breach of distributorship agreements, and cross claims relating to the unauthorized distribution of products protected by trademark
- Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association as an intervener in a reference to the Québec Court of Appeal regarding the constitutional validity of sections 1 to 7 of the *Genetic Non-Discrimination Act*
- Ticketmaster Canada and related entities in a proposed Québec class action alleging violations to consumer protection legislation concerning fees and other amounts charged in connection with primary and secondary market ticket sales
- a major Canadian securities firm in an internal investigation into allegations of insider trading
- Costco Wholesale Canada, as an interested party, in numerous hearings before the Québec Energy Tribunal in connection with retail gasoline pricing
- Rothmans, Benson & Hedges in defense of a C\$60 billion claim brought by the Province of Québec under the *Tobacco-related Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* against various tobacco manufacturers alleging, inter alia, failure to adequately warn consumers of health risks
- Voyageur Marine Transport in successfully resisting authorization of a proposed class action in Québec alleging negligence by a ship-owner following damage to the St-Louis de Gonzague Bridge in a maritime incident
- Fairfax Financial in the proceedings before the Bureau de décision et de révision (BDR) concerning the hostile takeover of Fibrek Inc.
- State of New Jersey in the dismissal of a defamation case before the Québec Court of Appeal, citing false and defamatory statements made in connection with a written submission, on the basis of state immunity
- Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and the other members of the investor group in proceedings brought by a group of debentureholders before the Québec Superior Court, the Québec Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada challenging the approval of one of the largest proposed leveraged buy-outs in history
- Honda Canada in successfully resisting authorization of a proposed product liability class action in Québec alleging the use of defective paint on certain vehicle models
- Lac d'amiante du Québec in its successful dismissal of an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada concerning a decision made in a contractual dispute, arguing that in Québec the implied rule of confidentiality is applicable to the content of examinations on discovery under the *Code of Civil Procedure*

## Professional Involvement

Christopher taught civil procedure at both McGill University and the Université de Montréal. Active for many years in the Canadian Bar Association, Christopher was Québec branch chair of the International Law Section and chair

of the Business Dispute Resolution Committee of the National ILS. He is currently the secretary of the Consumer Litigation Committee of the International Bar Association.

## Memberships and Affiliations

Christopher is a member of The Advocates' Society, The London Court of International Arbitration, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution and the ICC Canada Arbitration Committee. Christopher is also the President of the University Club of Montréal.

## Insights

Canadian Bar Association: Annual Review of Québec Private International Law  
February 21, 2018

Top 10 Court Decisions from 2017 Affecting Your In-House Practice  
February 14, 2018

2017 Annual IBA Conference  
October 09, 2017

A Canadian perspective on the Hague Convention of 30 June 2005 on Choice of Court Agreements  
Speaker, IBA Conference on Private International Law, Milan  
2016

Life cycle of a product part 4 – the end-user  
Co-chair, IBA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.  
2016

Market misconduct in the insurance industry  
Co-chair, IBA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.  
2016

Smarter Ways to Educate Your Court  
Co-chair, IBA Annual Conference, Vienna  
2015

The Public Interest in Securities Adjudication: Past, Present and Future  
Panelist, Osgoode PD Conference, Toronto  
2015

Class Actions in Quebec and Class Actions in Canadian Common Law Provinces  
Speaker, CAP Annual Convention, Montreal  
2015

Recent Developments in Private International Law

Speaker, Canadian Bar Association (Québec), Conference Luncheon, Montreal

Annually since 2002

## Media

April 12, 2018: Montréal's Fifth Anniversary Lauded by *Le Monde Juridique*

July 14, 2017: Christopher Richter Joins Torys