

# Blair W.M. Bowen

## Partner

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Blair is a trial lawyer specializing in corporate and commercial litigation.

Blair has conducted numerous trials, commercial arbitrations and appeals for more than 30 years. Clients appreciate his experienced approach to dispute resolution with strategies that balance advocacy and pragmatism.

Blair has appeared as counsel in all levels of court in Ontario as well as in the Superior Courts of, British Columbia and Nova Scotia, the Court of Appeal and British Columbia, the Federal Court of Canada, the Tax Court of Canada and in leave applications to the Supreme Court of Canada. Blair has argued matters before tribunals such as the Ontario Securities Commission and the Law Society Tribunal. Blair is a strong advocate on behalf of his clients and his extensive trial experience allow him to help clients both in and out of the courtroom.

A representative sample of Blair's experience includes:

- Defending product liability claims on behalf of a manufacturer of heavy duty commercial vehicles
- Acting for shareholders of corporations in prosecuting and defending oppression remedy and related claims
- Representing employers in breach of fiduciary duty and breach of confidence actions against departing executives
- Acting for manufacturers in contractual disputes with distributors and sales agents
- Resolving disputes between franchisors and franchisees
- Acting for lawyers and paralegals who are facing disciplinary proceedings before the Law Society Tribunal

## PRACTICE AREAS

**Litigation and Dispute Resolution**

**Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)**

**Commercial Litigation**

**Indigenous**

**Securities Litigation**

**Corporate Governance**

## Education & Memberships

### EDUCATION

**Called to the Ontario Bar, 1985**

**Queen's University, LL.B., 1983**

**University of Waterloo, B.Sc. (Hons.) 1980**

## Awards & Recognition

**The Best Lawyers™ in Canada**  
**Corporate & Commercial Litigation**

## Speaking Engagements & Publications

**Blog - Bowenslaw**  
<http://bowenslaw.blogspot.ca/>

**Instructor, Ethics and Civility in the Courtroom and Beyond**  
**Litigation Agreements: Duties to the Court and Other Side**

**Lessons I Learned About the Hague Service Convention**  
**International Lawyers Network**

**Law Society of Ontario, Solo and Small Firm Conference**  
**Tips for Preparing an Expert Witness for Trial**

**Program Co-Chair Privilege: A Litigator's**

Medical Industry Complaint, Discipline,  
Fitness, Quality Assurance and  
Registration

Medical Industry Professional Liability  
Claims and Insurance

## INDUSTRY GROUPS

Automotive and Transportation

Food, Beverage and Agribusiness

Sports and Entertainment

## Recent Insights

### CORPORATE COMMERCIAL

**41 Lawyers Profiled Across 24 Areas of Law in The Best Lawyers in Canada, 2024**

Announcement, Recognition

### LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**Medical Device Manufacturer's Duty to Warn**

Article

### LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**Living in Splendid Isolation: Ten Lessons Learned Enforcing an Ontario Judgment in Mexico**

Article

**ILN-interviews: Blair Bowen**

Interview

## Guide

[The Advocates' Society](#)

**Living in Splendid Isolation: Ten Lessons Learned - Enforcing an Ontario Judgment in Mexico**

[Published in the Toronto Law Journal, Lawyers Daily](#)

## Language of Legal Writing

**Instructor, Advanced Do a Trial Skills Workshop The Advocates' Society**

[The Advocates' Society](#)

**Medical Device Manufacturer's Duty to Warn**

## Privilege and Confidentiality

**Program Co-Chair - Leading Your Case: Opening Statements and Examination-In-Chief**

[Civil Litigation Skills Certificate](#)

**Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Witnesses**

**Court Intervention in Commercial Arbitration**

[The Commons Institute](#)

**Defending Professional Misconduct Complaints**

**Telling the Truth for the Sake of the Truth - The Value of Oaths**

**A Summary Judgment Motion Primer**

[Canadian Association of Black Lawyers](#)

**Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Non-Money Judgments in Canada**

**Dispute Resolution in North America, 2002**

[Contributing Editor](#)

**International Tracing of Assets**

[Contributor, Sweet & Maxwell Limited, London UK](#)

## Professional & Community Involvement

**The Advocates' Society**

[Duty Counsel Program Volunteer and Past Director, 2014-2018](#)

**Law Society Tribunal Chair's Practice Roundtable**

**Canada Africa Partnership - CAP Network**

[Director](#)

**Sir William Campbell Foundation**  
Director

**East York Basketball Club**  
Past Director