

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, BComm, 2003, with distinction

McGill University, LLB, 2007, with great distinction and dean's honour list

McGill University, BCL, 2007, with great distinction and dean's honour list

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ontario, 2008

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Clients benefit from Jon Bell's extensive litigation experience, especially when faced with complex commercial litigation.

Jon is one of Canada's leading litigators specializing in complex, high stakes disputes in virtually every area of corporate and commercial litigation, including international fraud, securities regulatory and enforcement matters, internal investigations, shareholder and partnership disputes, directors' and officers' liability, professional negligence, product liability, defamation, domestic and international arbitration, oppression proceedings and class proceedings, among others. Jon has been lead counsel in numerous trials, appeals, arbitrations and judicial review hearings, including several multi-month trials. Jon has extensive experience co-ordinating with colleagues in different jurisdictions in multi-jurisdictional litigation and enforcement proceedings.

Jon regularly advises on and leads investigations on behalf of boards and special committees on issues of accounting fraud, securities compliance, conflicts of interest and other sensitive matters. These investigations frequently involve domestic regulators and law enforcement from across Canada and in other jurisdictions.

Jon is a fierce advocate who takes pride in bringing a practical business-minded approach to commercial disputes while championing his clients' interests to the fullest extent permitted at law. Recognized as a *Lexpert* Rising Star for being one of Canada's leading lawyers under 40 and as *Benchmark*'s Emerging Talent of the Year in 2019, Jon has also been named a Rising Star in litigation in *Expert Guides*' LMG Rising Stars (2016, 2017 and 2018). He has subsequently been recognized as one of Canada's leading litigators in numerous reporting agencies, including: *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as repeatedly recommended for both Corporate / Commercial and Securities Litigation; *Benchmark Litigation: Canada* as a

Litigation Star; and Who's Who Legal as highly recommended for work on directors' and officers' liability and internal investigations.

Jon [Bell] and Cheryl [Woodin], their qualifications speak for themselves. I had high expectations, their responses were great. They were responsible, able to be solutions-oriented. Fair to say they made us feel like their only client and a priority.

What Clients Say