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Profile

- Over 27 years as a lawyer and over 20 years as a partner at Blakes
- Successful commercial litigator with significant trial and appeal experience
- Strong leader and volunteer within Blakes, the legal community, and the Calgary community

Professional Experience

2003-Present	Partner Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Calgary, Alberta
1996-2002	Associate Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Calgary, Alberta
1995-1996	Articled Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Calgary, Alberta

Education

University of Toronto – Toronto – LL.B. 1995
University of Alberta – Edmonton –B.A. 1991

Legal Memberships Affiliations Committees

- 2021-Present Board Member, Calgary Legal Guidance
- 2021-Present Member, National Executive Committee, Blakes
- 2021-2022 Chair, National Standing Committee, The Advocates' Society
- 2018-2022 Board Member, National Board of Directors, The Advocates' Society
- 2018-2020 Member – National Points Committee (Compensation), Blake
- 2016-Present Member, Alberta Regional Advisory Committee, The Advocates' Society
- 2016-Present Mentor, Law Society of Alberta
- 2012-2015 Member, Professional Responsibility Committee, LSA
- 2008-2012 Member, Practice Advisory Committee, LSA
- 2008-2012 Founding Member, Ad hoc Retention of Women in Law Subcommittee, LSA
- 2007-2021 Head of Calgary Litigation Practice Group, Blakes
- 2006-2019 Chair, National Equity and Diversity Committee, Blakes
- 2003-2019 Instructor, Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education, Bar Admission
- 2001-2004 Chair – Calgary Student Committee, Blakes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1995-Present Volunteer, Calgary Legal Guidance
<p>Community Involvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2018-Present Board Member, Outback Strata Council ▪ 2013-2015 Chair, Board of Directors, Calgary French & International School ▪ 2011-2013 Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Calgary French & International School ▪ 2009-2011 Chair, Calgary Stampede Youth Speech & Debate Committee ▪ 2007-2012 Board Member, Friends of Alberta Debate Society ▪ 2004-2015 Vice President and Board Member, Westhills United Soccer Association (1,500 youth soccer players) ▪ 2002-2020 Coach, Youth Soccer Boys and Girls (U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18) ▪ 2002-2012 Coach, Junior High Debate Club, Calgary French & International School ▪ 2001-2005 Chair, Calgary 2005 World Debating Championships Association ▪ 1996-2014 Committee Member, Calgary Stampede Youth Speech & Debate Committee ▪ 1995-1997 Board of Directors, Alberta Debate and Speech Association
<p>Select Accomplishments</p>	<p>David is recognized for his expertise in litigation in the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business</i> (2016-2024: Litigation: General Commercial - Alberta; Insurance: Dispute Resolution; 2024: Construction) "David Tupper maintains a strong position in the market and is regarded by clients as a bet the company litigation lawyer that we would go to on very serious litigation matters." One interviewee added: "He is a litigator who knocks it out of the park." Another said: "He is fantastic - very practical and knowledgeable. He understands that it is not always just about law, but that other things come into play." ▪ <i>Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business</i> - 2009-2023 (Dispute Resolution: "David Tupper 'is a prominent name' in litigation in Alberta and is praised by clients for his wide-ranging skill set...." Other comments include: "very well-reasoned, very persuasive, and a very calm court presence," "has a tremendous ability to listen to clients, understand the issues and convert that to a successful strategy" and "smart, effective, no nonsense and moves very quickly.") ▪ <i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> (2014-2023: Most Frequently Recommended: Litigation - Corporate Commercial; Consistently Recommended: 2018-2023: Commercial Arbitration; 2017-2023: Construction Law; 2020-2023: Litigation - Securities; 2020-2023: Class Actions; 2018-2023: Repeatedly Recommended: Directors and Officers Liability; 2018-2023: Litigation - Product Liability) ▪ <i>Lexpert Special Edition on Litigation</i> (2022: Counsel to Pembina Pipeline Corporation in Re Bison Acquisition Corp., 2021 ABASC 188, named one of the "Top 10 Business Cases of 2021/2022"; 2013-2022: Ranked Lawyer)

- *The Legal 500 Canada* - 2015-2023 (Listed in the elite "Leading Lawyers in Canada" list for Dispute Resolution and Insurance)
- *The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* - 2018-2023 (Corporate Commercial Litigation)
- *Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyers - Independently Rated Lawyers* - 2019-2022 (As nominated by senior in-house counsel)
- *Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys* - 2013-2023 (Top 50 Trial Lawyers in Canada); (Litigation Star - Construction; Energy; Insurance; Commercial). "David has an ability to anticipate and in certain instances defuse situations before they become major issues. With that said, I did get the opportunity to see him in the court room and I was very glad he was on my side!"
- Best Lawyers' 2023 and 2019 Calgary Director and Officer Liability Practice "Lawyer of the Year"
- Best Lawyers' 2022 International Arbitration "Lawyer of the Year"
- Best Lawyers' 2020 and 2018 Calgary Product Liability Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - 2011-2024(Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Securities Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration, Construction Law, Class Action Litigation, Insurance Law, Product Liability Law, Appellate Practice, Directors & Officers Liability, Bet-the Company Litigation)
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (2020-2023: Arbitration "David Tupper garners plaudits from market sources as "really the top leader in Alberta for energy and construction arbitration"; 2017-2023: Commercial Litigation - "David stands out as an excellent trial lawyer"; 2015-2023: Insurance & Reinsurance; 2021-2023: Construction)
- Benchmark Canada Awards - Alberta Litigator of the Year 2018 and 2017
- Best Lawyers' 2017 Calgary Class Action Litigation "Lawyer of the Year"
- *Lexpert Special Edition Energy, 2022*
- *Lexpert Special Edition Infrastructure, 2022*
- 25 Years' Service Award from Calgary Legal Guidance – 2021
- Top 40 Under 40 in Calgary named by Calgary Inc. Magazine – 2005
- John Baty Award for outstanding contributions to debate arising from the Calgary 2005 World Debating Championships Association – 2005