
PROFILE

- Over 30 years as a lawyer and over 23 years as a partner at Blakes
- Successful commercial litigator with significant trial, appeal, and arbitration 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
1996-2003 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

- 2024-Present Elected Benchers, Law Society of Alberta, Executive Committee 2026
- 2026-Present Chair of the Board of Calgary Legal Guidance
- 2023-2025 Vice Chair of the Board of Calgary Legal Guidance
- 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 (Compensation) Committee, Blakes
- 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, 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, CPLED
- 2001-2004 Chair – Calgary Student Committee, Blakes
- 1995-Present Volunteer, Calgary Legal Guidance

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers
- 2025 Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- 2017 Fellow of the Western Canadian Commercial Arbitration Society

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2018-2024 Board Member, Outback Strata Council
2013-2015 Chair of the Board of Calgary French & International School
2011-2013 Vice Chair of the Board of 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 teams (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

SELECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

David is recognized for his expertise in litigation in the following publications:

- *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* 2016-2027: Litigation - General Commercial Alberta; 2016-2027: Insurance - Dispute Resolution; 2024-2027: Construction.
 - *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* - 2009-2027: Dispute Resolution.
 - *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (2014-2026: Most Frequently Recommended: Litigation - Corporate Commercial; Consistently Recommended: 2018-2026: Commercial Arbitration; 2017-2026: Construction Law; 2020-2026: Litigation - Securities; 2020-2026: Class Actions; 2018-2026: Litigation – Commercial Insurance; 2018-2026: Litigation – Product Liability; Repeatedly Recommended: 2017-2026: Directors and Officers Liability; 2024-2026 Energy (Oil & Gas); 2026: Professional Liability.
 - *Lexpert Special Edition on Litigation* - 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"; 2013-2025: Ranked Lawyer.
 - *The Legal 500 Canada* - 2015-2026: Listed in the elite "Leading Lawyers in Canada" list for Dispute Resolution and Insurance.
 - *The Lexpert Guide to the Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada* - 2018-2026: Corporate Commercial Litigation.
 - *Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyers - Independently Rated Lawyers* - 2019-2026. As nominated by senior in-house counsel.
 - *Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys* - 2013-2026: Top 50 Trial Lawyers in Canada; Litigation Star - Construction; Energy; Insurance; Commercial.
 - Benchmark Canada Awards - Alberta Litigator of the Year 2024, 2018 and 2017
 - Best Lawyers' 2023, 2019 Calgary Director and Officer Liability Practice "Lawyer of the Year".
 - Best Lawyers' 2026 and 2022 International Arbitration "Lawyer of the Year"
 - Best Lawyers' 2027, 2025, 2020 and 2018 Calgary Product Liability Law "Lawyer of the Year"
 - Best Lawyers' 2017 Calgary Class Action Litigation "Lawyer of the Year"
 - *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - 2011-2027: 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, Professional Malpractice Law.
 - *Lexology Index: Arbitration* 2026.
 - *Lexology Index: Canada* – 2020-2026: Arbitration; 2017-2025: Commercial Litigation; 2015-2025: Insurance & Reinsurance; 2021-2025: Construction.
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