

Alex Dimson Partner - Class Actions

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Alex has acted for plaintiffs and defendants on a broad range of class actions, including securities, product liability, competition, consumer protection and actions arising from privacy and data breaches.

Education

Alex received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of British Columbia in 2005 and his LLB from Western Law in 2008, where he was the recipient of a number of awards for academic and community participation.

Called to the Bar in Ontario, 2009; British Columbia, 2022

About

Prior to joining Siskinds, Alex completed his articles at a plaintiff-side class action boutique and later worked as an associate at a large, national law firm where his practice focused on class action defence. Alex has appeared as counsel at all levels of Ontario courts.

Alex has a diverse class action practice and is currently involved in the prosecution of a variety of securities, competition and consumer class actions.

He is a member of the counsel team prosecuting Rahimi v SouthGobi Resources Ltd., which resulted in an important Court of Appeal decision on the standard for leave under Part XIII.1 of the Securities Act.

Alex has been and is currently involved in numerous cases against large financial institutions. He was counsel on Dugal v Manulife, one of the largest securities class actions in Canada to be granted leave on a contested basis, which settled for \$69 million on the lead for trial. He is part of the team prosecuting the ForEx conspiracy class action, which has recovered \$100 million for class members. He is also prosecuting a case against CIBC Mortgage Inc. related to mortgage prepayment penalties.

He is also involved in various consumer protection cases involving defective products, including a number cases against large car manufacturers. In addition, Alex is part of the team prosecuting the Marriott privacy breach class action.

Publication and Speaking

Co-Author, "Investment advisers must earn their keep" The Financial Post, November 2013



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Awards and Recognition

August 2014, Siskinds LLP named again as the top-ranked Canadian firm in the "SCAS 50." Siskinds ranked 16th overall in the a global ranking of the world's 50 leading securities class action law firms, the highest ranking ever attained by a Canadian firm. It is compiled annually by Securities Class Action Services, a unit of Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS). Siskinds was the first Canadian firm to rank in the top 50 and has been the top Canadian firm each year since 2010.

Community Involvement

• Western University Law School - Civil Procedure, Adjunct Professor, Fall 2020

In the News

August 6, 2014 /CNW/ - Siskinds LLP, one of Canada's leading class action law firms, is pleased to announce that it has been named again as the top-ranked Canadian firm in the "SCAS 50." Siskinds ranked 16th overall in the a global ranking of the world's 50 leading securities class action law firms, the highest ranking ever attained by a Canadian firm. It is compiled annually by Securities Class Action Services, a unit of Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS). Siskinds was the first Canadian firm to rank in the top 50 and has been the top Canadian firm each year since 2010.

Daniel has appeared in the following news articles, segments, and publications:

 July 8, 2020 - National Magazine, "Pandemic class actions against the provinces," written by Dale Smith. Alex discusses the potential impact of Ontario's Bill 161 on class actions, particularly concerning long-term care homes and COVID-19.