



## Michael Robb

Partner - Class Actions

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Mike acts primarily for plaintiffs in class proceedings involving securities and investment fraud, product liability, environmental contamination, and actions arising from privacy and data breaches.

### Education

Michael received his B.A. (with distinction) in 1997 from McGill University and his LL.B magna cum laude in 2000 from the University of Ottawa.

Called to the Bar in 2002

### About

Michael is a partner with Siskinds' class actions department. He acts primarily for plaintiffs in class proceedings involving securities and investment fraud, product liability, and environmental contamination. He also has expertise in general corporate, commercial and securities litigation, administrative law, and professional negligence. He has appeared as counsel in the Superior Court of Justice, the Divisional Court, Ontario Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada.

At Siskinds, Michael is part of the team prosecuting the Marriott privacy breach class action as well as the recently settled Desjardins and BMO and Simplii Financial data breach actions.

Michael is a ranked lawyer in the nationwide plaintiff class action lawyers rankings by Chamber & Partners for 2023.

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### Memberships and Associations

- Middlesex Law Association, Member
- The Advocates' Society, Member: Former Co-Chair of the Class Actions Practice Group
- Canadian Bar Association, Member
- Ontario Bar Association, Member: Former Regional Representative, Class Actions Section
- Law Society of Upper Canada, Member

### Awards and Recognition

- Michael Robb has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* in 2022.
- 2024 & 2025 named to the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- 2023 & 2024 named to the Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide for Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada.



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- 2020, 2021, 2023, named by Chambers & Partners as a ranked lawyer in the nationwide plaintiff class action lawyers rankings.
- Michael was named to Lexpert's list of "Litigators to Watch" in their 2012 Guide to the Leading US/ Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada (December 2012).
- In Chambers & Partners 2014 rankings for Class Actions in Canada, Michael was identified as "Up and Coming," and Siskinds LLP's class actions group was the only "Band 1" firm identified by Chambers Global in that category.
- August 2014, Siskinds LLP named 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."

### Notable Work and Decisions

- Siskinds is co-counsel to the plaintiffs in a securities class action against Sino-Forest Corporation and certain of its officers, directors, auditors and underwriters.  
In 2013, a partial settlement with Ernst & Young for \$117 million was approved. This is the fifth-largest securities class action settlement with an auditor world-wide.
- Siskinds is counsel to the class in IMAX, the first class action to obtain leave to proceed under Part XXIII.1 of the Securities Act.  
This provides remedies for misrepresentations made to investors in the secondary market.
- Siskinds is co-counsel to plaintiffs in ongoing litigation on behalf of certain residents of Sydney, Nova Scotia.  
Residents alleging property damage and health effects resulting from industrial pollution in the city over a 100-year period.
- Siskinds was counsel to the plaintiffs in a securities class action against Smart Technologies.  
The case was settled in 2013 for US\$15.25 million.
- Siskinds was counsel to the plaintiff in a securities class action against Gammon Gold.  
The case was settled in 2012 for \$13.25 million.
- Siskinds was counsel to the plaintiff in a securities class action against Arctic Glacier Income Fund and certain of its officers and directors.  
The case was settled in 2012 for \$13.75 million.
- Siskinds was co-counsel to the plaintiff in a securities class action against Gildan Activewear Inc. and certain of its officers and directors.  
The case was settled in 2010 for \$22.5 million.
- Siskinds was counsel to the plaintiffs in a securities class action against SunOpta Inc. and certain officers and directors.  
The case was settled jointly with parallel U.S. litigation for USD\$11.25 million in 2009.



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- Siskinds was lead counsel in the securities class action against Royal Group Technologies Limited and certain current and former officers and directors. The case was settled in 2007 for \$9 million.

### Publications and Speaking

Moderator, "Securities Class Actions," 11th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Professional Development - April 2014

### 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.

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

- April 28, 2021 - IT World Canada, "Two Canadian banks could pay up to \$23 million to settle lawsuits in 2019 hacks," written by Howard Solomon. Michael shares his insights on how class members can receive compensation from the potential \$23 million settlement.