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Tyler is a Partner in our Toronto office who focuses on complex securities and consumer protection class actions.

Education

Queen's University Faculty of Law University of Waterloo

Called to the Bar in Ontario, 2016; British Columbia, 2022

About

Tyler is a Partner in the class actions department. Tyler's practice is focused on class action litigation, including securities, competition, and toxic tort litigation.

Tyler has appeared at all levels of Ontario's Courts and the Supreme Court of Canada. Among other matters, Tyler was part of the team prosecuting the securities class action against Manulife Financial Corporation and others that resulted in a \$69 million settlement on the eve of trial. The Manulife settlement is among the largest securities class action settlements in Canadian history. Tyler was also part of the team that represented the plaintiff in the Canadian Solar securities litigation, which resulted in a US\$13 million settlement, and the team that represented numerous claimants in their litigations arising out of injuries at a Canadian-owned mine in Eritrea.

Between 2019 and 2021, Tyler was seconded to Claims Funding Europe, a litigation funding firm in Dublin, Ireland. At Claims Funding Europe, Tyler helped manage complex securities and competition claims in Europe and Asia, including litigations arising out of high-profile accounting scandals at Toshiba and Volkswagen. Tyler also assisted in competition actions in the Netherlands involving cartelized vehicles, and airfreight.

Tyler also represents individuals who allege they were harmed in group homes, and is part of the team litigating a proposed class action against for-profit group home chain Hatts Off. He is actively involved in a variety of community initiatives and pro bono matters. Among other commitments, Tyler has acted as a volunteer lawyer with Pro Bono Ontario's Education Law Project, which provides legal representation to students and families seeking access to educational services, and the Osgoode Hall Investor Protection Clinic, which provides free legal advice to people who believe their investments were mishandled and cannot afford a lawyer. He has served as a volunteer judge at the Winkler Class Actions Moot.

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Memberships and Associations

- Advocates' Society, Member
- Law Society of Upper Canada, Member

Awards and Recognition

Tyler has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers™: Ones to Watch in Canada* in 2025.

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.

Publications and Speaking

- Co-Chair, OBA Mass Tort Litigation in Canada Program (April 2023)
- Global News: Ontario youth group home chain hit with \$60M proposed class-action over alleged 'abuse'
- Faculty, Advocates' Society 12th Annual Securities Symposium, Toronto

- Speaker, 14th Annual Worldwide Investor Lawyer Meeting, Reykjavik, Iceland
- Speaker, 15th Annual Worldwide Investor Lawyer Meeting (Online)
- The Lawyer's Daily: Class action bar welcomes review of CASL but backs private right of action

Community Involvement

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In the News

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

 March 6, 2023 - Global News, "Ontario youth group home chain hit with \$60M proposed class-action over alleged 'abuse'," written by Andrew Russell and Carolyn Jarvis. Tyler highlights the alleged mistreatment of youths formally in the care of Hatts Off.

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