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**Born:** Montréal, Canada  
**Citizenship:** Canadian  
**Languages:** English, French

## RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

- 07/02 -  
(current) **Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP**  
Partner. Co-head of Firm's Information Technology Group and co-head of the Firm's India Working Group.  
Practice areas: Corporate/commercial, information technology, intellectual property, computer, telecommunications, broadcasting and health law.  
Experience: financing transactions; mergers/acquisitions; complex intellectual property arrangements; advising all sizes of technology companies on various corporate and commercial activities; advice on telecommunications, broadcasting and new media/Internet businesses including regulatory issues; intellectual property issues; e-commerce; technology contracts and torts; offshore structuring; limited entertainment practice; advice on international trade (e.g. WTO) and treaty matters and conflict of laws as they concern intellectual property and the transfer of technology.
- 06/98 -  
(current) **McGill University Faculty of Law**  
Professor of Law (adj).  
Specializing in intellectual property, computer, communications and business law.  
Current teaching load: *Communications Law*. Also supervision of graduate students; research and writing; university committee work. Past Teaching Assignments: *Computers and the Law*, *Copyright and Information Technology Law*, *Copyright and Trademark Theory* and *Complex Legal Transactions and Comparative M&A Law*.

## EDUCATION

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|---|---|
| <b>Doctor of Civil Laws (D.C.L.)</b><br>01/95 - 12/97<br>Degree granted 02/1998 | <b>McGill University - Faculty of Law</b><br>Thesis subject: <i>Understanding the Modern Law of Copyright</i> .<br>Supervisor: Prof. David Johnston.                    |
| <b>Master of Laws (LL.M.)</b><br>09/93 - 11/94                                  | <b>McGill University - Faculty of Law</b><br>Thesis: <i>Reverse Engineering Computer Programs Under Canadian Copyright Law</i> .<br>Supervisor: Prof. H. Patrick Glenn. |
| <b>Ontario Bar Admission</b><br>06/92 - 12/94 <i>Call 1995</i>                  | <b>Law Society of Upper Canada</b><br>Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Ont. - was interrupted in 1993 due to LL.M. studies.   |
| <b>Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)</b><br>09/89 - 06/92                                | <b>University of Toronto, Faculty of Law</b><br>84 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ont.  |

<b>Bachelor of Commerce (B.Comm.) w/ Distinction</b> 09/86 – 05/89	<b>McGill University – Faculty of Management</b> 1001 Sherbrooke St. W., Montréal, Qc. Concentration: Information Systems.
<b>D.E.C.</b> 09/84 – 05/86	<b>Marianopolis College</b> Côte des Neiges Rd., Montréal, Qc.
<b>High School Diploma</b> 09/79 – 06/84	<b>Selwyn House School</b> 150 Côte St. Antoine Rd., Westmount, Qc.

## RECENT AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/RECOGNITIONS

- 2017 Recognized as a leading lawyer in the categories of **Communications Law, Health Care Law, Information Technology Law, Intellectual Property Law** and **Technology Law** in *The Best Lawyers in Canada*. Also named **Best Lawyers’ Montréal Information Technology Law Lawyer of the Year 2017**.
- 2016 Consistently recommended as one of Canada’s leading lawyers in **Computer and IT Law** and **Technology Transactions** and repeatedly recommended as one of Canada’s leading lawyers in **Telecommunications, Biotechnology and Intellectual Property** by *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory*.
- 2016 Recognized as a leading lawyer in the category of **Information Technology** in *Chambers Canada 2016*
- 2016 Recognized in *The 2016 Lexpert US/Canada Cross-Border Guide – Corporate*
- 2016 Recognized in *Chambers Global: The World’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2016* (Canada: **Corporate/M&A – Foreign Expert**, and India: **Corporate/M&A – Expert Based Abroad**)
- 2016 Recognized as a leading lawyer in the categories of **Communications Law, Health Care Law, Information Technology Law, Intellectual Property Law** and **Technology Law** in *The Best Lawyers in Canada*. Also named **Best Lawyers’ Montréal Information Technology Law Lawyer of the Year 2016**.
- 2016 Recognized as a leading lawyer in the category of **Technology, Media and Telecoms** and recommended in the categories of **Intellectual Property, Technology, Media and Telecoms** in *The Legal 500 Canada 2016*.
- 2016 Recognized in *Who’s Who Legal: Telecommunications Media & Technology 2016*

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

- 11/14 *Halsbury's Laws of Canada – Communications (2014 Reissue)*  
LexisNexis Canada Inc., Toronto, Canada; co-authored with David Johnston, Charles Morgan and Richard Janda.

## ARTICLES IN LAW JOURNALS / REVIEWS / OTHER

- 02/15            **World Data Protection Report**  
"Canada's New 'Cyberbullying' Law Includes 'Lawful Access' Measures, Vol. 15, No. 2,  
February 2015  
Co-written with Laurie Birbilas and Justina Di Fazio, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Montréal
- 01/15            **Blakes Bulletin on Information Technology**  
"Bill C-13: Cyberbullying Bill Introduces New Lawful Access Measures"  
Co-written with Laurie Birbilas and Justina Di Fazio (Student-at-Law), Blake, Cassels &  
Graydon LLP, Montréal

## RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS

- 10/16            **Blakes Business Class Seminar**  
**Vancouver, Canada**  
Speaker: "Trends in Cybersecurity"
- 10/16            **Blakes Business Class Seminar**  
**Montreal, Canada**  
Co-speaker: "Stop Hackers from Taking a Byte: Cybersecurity and Responding to Data  
Breaches"
- 09/16            **Blakes Business Class Seminar**  
**Montreal, Canada**  
Co-speaker: "Managing Your Brand in a Global Marketplace"
- 05/16            **Canadian Bar Association**  
**Ottawa, Canada**  
Debate panellist: "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the arm of Canadian Law has become too long as a  
result of the B.C. Court of Appeal decision in Equustek Solutions Inc. v. Google Inc. "
- 01/16            **Lord Reading Law Society**  
**Montreal, Canada**  
Speech: "The Evolution of the Law of Television and Broadcasting in the Internet Age"
- 11/15            **The Canadian Bar Association - Quebec Branch**  
**Montreal, Canada**  
Speech: "Upcoming Changes to Canada's Broadcasting Distribution Regime and the Treatment  
of Over the Top Internet Video Distribution"
- 11/15            **Intellectual Property and Information Technology Policy Club, McGill University**  
**Montreal, Canada**  
Speech: "Internet of Things - Legal Issues"
- 10/15            **Canadian IT Law Association - The Nineteenth Annual Canadian IT Law Association**  
**Conference**  
**Toronto, Canada**  
Co-speaker, roundtable session entitled "Technology Issues in Mergers & Acquisitions: Best  
Practices"

- 08/15            **Intellectual Property Institute of Canada and McGill University –Copyright Master Class 2015**  
**Montréal, Canada**  
 Speech: “Copyright – Infringement & Civil Remedies”.
- 08/15            **Intellectual Property Institute of Canada and McGill University –Copyright Master Class 2015**  
**Montréal, Canada**  
 Speech: “Software Copyright”.
- 01/15            **Blakes Business Class Seminar**  
**Montreal, Canada**  
 Speaker: “Over-The-Top Content Distribution: The Future of Television”

### RECENTLY CITED IN RULINGS BY COURTS AND TRIBUNALS

- 05/16            *Biocad Médical inc. v. Panthera Dentaire inc.*, 2016 QCCS 3096 at par. 525, *Copyright Law in Canada*, (Markham, Ont.: Butterworths, 2002).
- 01/14            *Telus Communications Company v. Attorney General of Canada*, 2014 FC 1 at pars. 78 and 106, *Communications Law in Canada*, Issue 46 (loose-leaf (consulted on 22 November, 2013), Lexis Nexis, Canada: September 2013).

### RECENT - EXPERT EVIDENCE GIVEN AS A TECHNOLOGY EXPERT

- 2012            *R v Pinsky*, 2011 SKPC 111. Expert witness on Internet/networking, IT generally and privacy law in criminal trial. Report was tendered to plaintiff’s counsel but settlement occurred prior to trial.

### RECENT DIRECTORSHIPS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND OTHER WORK

- 11/14 –  
 (current)            **Datawhere**  
 Advisory Board Member.
- 01/13  
 (current)            **LexisNexis Canada**  
 Chair of the Advisory Board of the Quicklaw® Practice Advisor’s Intellectual Property and Technology Module.
- 07/11 –  
 (current)            **McGill University**  
 Member of Special Advisory Committee of the Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations).
- 06/04 –  
 (current)            **Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal**  
 Member of the Board of Directors.
- On-going            **McGill Law Journal, Dalhousie Law Journal and Alberta Law Review**  
*Ad hoc* external editor on technology articles submitted for publication.

- 03/02  
(current)                    **Independent Film & Television Alliance (I.F.T.A.)**  
International arbitrator in matters relating to the international licensing of motion pictures.
- 03/01 –  
(current)                    **Intellectual Property Institute of Canada**  
Member of the Copyright Course Committee.
- 06/97 –  
(current)                    **Uniform Law Conference of Canada – Electronic Commerce Project.**

### **RECENT ADVICE / PRESENTATIONS GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT**

- 02/16                        **Government of Ontario**  
Participated in the Ontario Mission 2016 led by Premier Kathleen Wynne.
- 01/13                        **Government of Quebec**  
Participated in the Quebec/India Trade Mission led by Ministers Jean-François Lisé and Éline Zakaïb.

### **RECENT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

- 09/12 –  
(current)                    **Canadian Bar Association**
- 11/05 –  
(current)                    **Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce**
- 11/05 –  
(current)                    **Quebec – India Business Council (QIBC)**
- 01/03 –  
(current)                    **Centre for Intellectual Property Policy**
- 09/97 –  
(current)                    **International Technology Law Association (formerly the Computer Law Association)**  
International organization dealing with information technology law
- 10/04 –  
(current)                    **International Trademark Association**
- 01/95 –  
(current)                    **Law Society of Upper Canada**

### **REFERENCES**

- 10/16                        Available in writing upon request.