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Expertise

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

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Education

- University of Saskatchewan, LL.B., 1991
 - Queen's University, B.A., 1988
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Bar Admission

- Ontario, 1993
- Alberta (permission to practice)
- New Brunswick (permission to practice)
- Nova Scotia (permission to practice)
- Prince Edward Island (permission to practice)

Executive Summary

Gavin Tighe K.C., is a senior partner with Gardiner Roberts LLP and chair of the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group. Mr. Tighe has been certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Civil Litigation since 2003 and has appeared as lead counsel at all levels of Canadian Courts including the Supreme Court of Canada. He has significant experience successfully representing clients in several Canadian provinces and before tribunals in both Canada and the United States. Mr. Tighe also acts as counsel to clients in arbitrations, mediations and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Mr. Tighe's diverse litigation practice focuses on advocacy. He has acted in numerous high profile matters and court proceedings and is a lawyers' lawyer having represented numerous other lawyers in Ontario and across Canada. Mr. Tighe has also successfully argued some of the leading Canadian cases in both trial and appellate Courts in such diverse areas as defamation, corporate restructuring, municipal conflict of interest, adverse possession of real property, solicitor's negligence, financial advisor liability, auditor and accountant liability, title insurance, and election law in addition to numerous other areas of law.

Mr. Tighe is very active in the community and a well-known supporter of many worthy community and charitable organizations. He has published numerous legal articles, been an instructor at the bar admission course Law Society of Ontario, lectured at Canadian law schools, presented at numerous conferences including conferences sponsored by the Law Society of Ontario, Canadian and American Bar Associations and has been cited as an authority on Civil Practice in Ontario. He has repeatedly been selected by his peers as one of "The Best Lawyers in Canada" as well as being ranked in Lexpert and Martindale-Hubbel. In 2022 Mr. Tighe was named "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers. In 2023 Mr. Tighe was inducted as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America a peer-selected, invitation-only and aggressively diverse honorary society of 3,500 of America's best trial lawyers representing less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers, vigorously vetted for skills, expertise, and service. Also in 2023 Mr. Tighe was awarded the designation of King's Counsel (K.C.) by the Attorney-General for the Province of Ontario in recognition of his commitment to the pursuit of legal excellence in service to the Crown, the public and his community.

Articles and Presentations

- Administrative judges in small claims court have no jurisdiction on anti-SLAPP motions: ONCA, Law Times – February 2, 2022
- Decision 'finally closes the chapter' on jurisdiction to hear anti-SLAPP motion, counsel says, The Lawyer's Daily – January 31, 2022
- Ontario's top court dismisses defamation appeal by ex-OPP deputy commissioner Brad Blair against Ford, CBC News – November 25, 2021
- Ontario court dismisses libel suit against Doug Ford, The Globe and Mail, January 27, 2021
- Watchdog finds no wrongdoing by ex-councillor Giorgio Mammoliti in land deal involving

- giant flagpole, The Star – June 19, 2019
- Solicitor-Client Privilege: Claim for breach denied and argument to preserve upheld - December 9, 2019
 - It's Game Day!: The Summary Dismissal of a Misfeasance Claim - October 16, 2019
 - Star Chamber v. Equity: Politicians Beware - August 22, 2019
 - Premier Ford Vindicated - April 17, 2019
 - Dismissal of abusive proceeding upheld; Home buyer who got more land than he bargained for not entitled to damages for lost secondary transactions - April 2, 2019
 - Time period expired: Claim for contribution and indemnity dismissed – January 30, 2019
 - Is Partial Summary Judgment Dead – December 7, 2018
 - The End of the Charter? – November 19, 2018
 - Is Partial Summary Judgment Dead – November 5, 2018
 - Defamation and Social Media: An Update – February 8, 2018
 - Wife of convicted fraudster loses damage claims against landlord, law firm, Canadian Lawyer – July 20, 2018
 - OCA rules title insurance exception did not apply, Law Times – April 23, 2018
 - When policy exclusion wording intersects with fraud, Canadian Underwriter – April 17, 2018
 - Lawyers do not owe duty to opposite counsel's clients, Law Times – December 18, 2017
 - Lawyer who represented Rob Ford joins P.E.I. e-gaming lawsuit, Salt Wire – November 25, 2017
 - Chevron plaintiffs ordered to post security for costs, Law Times – October 10, 2017
 - Bank not responsible for fraudulent instructions delivered via customer's email account – May 12, 2017
 - Mortgage proceeds paid to fraudster's lawyer, in trust, covered under title insurance policy – February 23, 2017
 - Why adjusting claims may never be cut-and-dry again, Insurance Business Canada – December 15, 2015
 - Unpermitted Removal of Support Walls Covered by Title Insurance Policy: Title Insurer Obligated to Pay Future Repair Costs to Remedy Dangerous Condition – December 7, 2015
 - Conflict of Interest in the Era of Multi-national Law Firms – November 12, 2015
 - The Throwback Heard Around the (Baseball) World A Legal Perspective – Wednesday, October 21, 2015
 - Court Refuses to Enjoin Use of Controversial Ride Service Uber Drives On in Toronto – August 21, 2015
 - Family Law Act Remedy Trumps Professional Liability Claim – August 18, 2015
 - Municipal Election Victories – May 28, 2015
 - Controversial Practice of Carding Hits Court – May 13, 2015
 - Collection of Unpaid Legal Fees – May 13, 2015
 - Record Retention eDiscovery Spoliation – April 1, 2015



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- Speaking to the Media – October 28, 2014
- Rob and Doug Ford facing conflict of interest allegations in court, The Star – October 3, 2014
- Rob Ford drops out of mayoral race, Doug Ford running in his place, The Globe and Mail – September 12, 2014
- Renovations may hide problems from home buyers, Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA) – May 13, 2014
- Injunctions, Irreparable Harm and Breach of Non-Solicitation and Non-Competition Agreements » dans Barreau du Haut-Canada, The Six-Minute Employment Lawyer, Law Society of Upper Canada – June 2013
- Libel suit win good for free speech: Ford's lawyer, CP24.com – December 28, 2012
- Christie Blatchford: Defamation case against Rob Ford offers terrifying glimpse into Toronto's municipal bureaucracy, National Post – November 13, 2012
- Etobicoke ruling tests court in electoral scandal, The Globe and Mail – July 10, 2012
- Ex-NHL ref Van Hellemond intends to sue papers over comic, Yahoo Sports – July 2, 2011
- Playdium Obtains CCAA Protection, Lexpert – 2001
- Provisional Execution: An Interpretation of Section 195 of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act – Canadian Bankruptcy Reports – 2002
- Rule 49 – Offers to Settle, The Advocates Quarterly – 2000

Recognition

- Named King's Counsel by the Attorney General for the Province of Ontario
- Fellow of Litigation Counsel of America
- Appointed by Order in Council as Chair of the Public Accountants Council for the Province of Ontario
- Lexpert Ranked for Professional Liability
- Best Lawyers in Canada – 2013-2024 (Legal Malpractice Law)
- Best Lawyers in Canada – 2021-2024 (Insurance Law)
- Best Lawyers in Canada – 2022 Lawyer of the Year in Legal Malpractice Law

Professional Involvement

- Advocate, Order of Certus
- Member, Trial Law Institute
- Member, Diversity Law Institute
- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society
- Osgoode Society
- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Honorary Overseas Member – COMBAR
(The specialist association of the English and Welsh Commercial Bar)



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Community Involvement

- St. Patrick's Parade Society – 2020 Grand Marshal
- Co-founder Annual 'Halloween Jam for Cancer Research' in support of the Leukemia Lymphoma Society of Canada
- Regular Contributor Bell Media Newstalk 1010 and frequent guest on radio and television