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Executive summary

Eli is a litigator known for his client-focused approach and experience across every level of court in Ontario. He maintains a broad litigation practice with a focus on professional negligence, commercial disputes, construction and municipal law, and brings thoughtful advocacy to matters of all sizes and complexity.

Eli began his career at Gardiner Roberts as a summer student in 2019, completed his articles with the firm, and returned as an associate in 2021. His experience ranges from managing procedural motions to working on multi-billion-dollar class actions, giving him a well-rounded perspective and a steady approach to complex disputes.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, JD, 2020

University of British Columbia, BComm, 2017

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2021

Expertise

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Class Actions

Risk & Compliance

Municipal & Land Use Planning

Representative work

Litigation and Dispute Resolution/ Commercial Disputes

- Sought and was awarded an order to buy-out a 50% shareholder in an oppression remedy application – *Pianosi v. Pianosi Industrial Leasing Ltd.*, 2026 ONSC 5239
- Was lead counsel for a victorious commercial landlord in an option renewal and injunctive dispute at the Court of Appeal – *Garlicky Mediterranean Grill Inc. v. 2715762 Ontario Inc.*, 2025 ONCA 248
- Represented the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board in successfully resisted a motion for interlocutory injunction relief – *Ojohome Canada Ltd. v. The Canadian Real Estate Association et al*, 2025 ONSC 1601

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- Representing Canada's largest privately owned security guard company in oppression remedy litigation – *Paragon Protection Ltd. v. Tamstu-Harjon Holdings of Canada Limited*, 2025 ONSC 1609
- Represented the plaintiff/defendant by counterclaim in a complex oppression remedy trial *Vastis v. Kommatas*, 2022 ONSC 1366
- Resisted a defendant's attempt to reopen a claims process in a liquidation proceeding by applying the doctrine of *res judicata* – *Vastis v. Kommatas*, 2024 ONSC 6312
- Successfully defended an appeal of a solicitor assessment – *Isenberg v Gardiner Roberts*, 2023 ONSC 2880

Professional Negligence

- Obtained a finding of no liability for a residential real estate solicitor after a three-day Small Claims Court trial – *Korlyakov v Riesz*, SC-22-8791-00
- Successfully defended a dismissal of a solicitor negligence action at the Court of Appeal – *Vinczer v. 7084421 Canada Ltd.*, 2022 ONCA 400
- Secured a dismissal of a solicitor negligence action through a summary judgment motion – *Greenspan v. Goldman, Khosla and Cook*, 2022 ONSC 5578

Class Actions

- Represented a mining company and settled a common issues trial brought under the *Securities Act* – *Rahimi v. SouthGobi Resources Ltd.*, 2025 ONSC 5752
- Secured substituted service order in data breach class action effecting over 6 million Canadians – *Del Giudice v. Thompson*, 2021 ONSC 903

Municipal and Land Use Planning

- Acts as a prosecutor in Provincial Offences Court and counsel at the Ontario Land Tribunal for various Conservation Authorities under the *Conservation Authorities Act*
- Obtained a time-sensitive interim injunction and had the subsequent damages inquiry dismissed on behalf of a Conservation Authority – *Halton Region Conservation Authority v. Thomas*, 2023 ONSC 5404
- Successfully struck certiorari application at the Superior Court of Justice – *Baron et al v. Halton Region Conservation Authority*, 2023 ONSC 5568 *Corporate Commercial*

Insights

Publications

Primary Author of “Civil Liability for Lawyers” chapter in *Campion, John A., et al. Professional Liability in Canada*, Thompson Reuters Canada, Toronto, 2023.

“Government liability for policy decisions following *Nelson (City) v. Marchi*” by James Cook, Kenneth Jull and Eli Bordman, *Toronto Law Journal*, January 2022.

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Business Interruption Insurance in the Time of COVID-19: Some Recent Judicial Consideration

HBC's Efforts to Withhold Rent Due to Landlords' Failure to Maintain "First Class" Shopping Centres

Blogs

Failure to adduce expert evidence in professional negligence claim fatal to plaintiff (Korlyakov v. Riesz)

10 June 2025

When enough is enough: Request for liquidator to conduct claims process denied on basis of issue estoppel (Vastis v. Kommatas)

3 February 2025

Court refuses to impose 5 pm deadline for delivery of real estate closing proceeds (More v. 1362279 Ontario Ltd. (Seiko Homes))

8 August 2023

Lessons in a professional liability claim

11 October 2022

Distribution under ambiguous disposition provision in Will made on a per stirpes basis

22 December 2021

Business Interruption Insurance in the Time of COVID-19: Some Recent Judicial Consideration

21 September 2020

Memberships and recognition

Professional memberships

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association

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