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Executive summary

Michael is an associate in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group at Gardiner Roberts. He maintains a broad commercial litigation practice, with experience in contractual disputes, commercial tenancies, construction matters, and professional liability claims involving lawyers and real estate professionals. He has appeared before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and has acted as second chair before the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

Michael first joined the firm as a summer and articling student and returned as an associate in 2023.

During law school, Michael developed strong advocacy skills through his work as a student volunteer in the Litigation Clinic and as an oralist in the Sir Alfred Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot and the Wilson Moot. He was also recognized for his academic excellence, receiving the Vice Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence on three occasions and earning First in Class distinctions in Business Associations, Civil Procedure, Legal Writing, and Trial Advocacy, among other courses.

EDUCATION

Osgoode Hall Law School, LL.M., 2022

Bond University Faculty of Law, JD (1st Class Honors), 2021

The University of Western Ontario, BA, 2016

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2023

Expertise

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Representative work

- *Jagtoo v. Bahrami*, 2026 ONSC 3110 (CanLII)
- *Tomaslav Kovacevic v. BMO Bank of Montreal*, CV-23-00694948-0000 (Unreported)
- *SBLR LLP v. Vallemill Investments Limited, Art Tile Limited, and McCarthy Tetrault LLP*, SC-20-4750/D1/D2 (Unreported)
- *Corridor Transport Inc. v. Vittorio Junior Lentini*, 2024 ONCA 773 (CanLII)
- *Corridor Transport Inc. et al. v. Vittorio Junior Lentini et al.*, 2023 ONSC 1120 (CanLII)

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Insights

Publications

Lessons in the law of contracts: The meeting of the minds

22 November 2024

Canada Soccer Loses Bid to Stay Arbitration Award, Mondaq (6 April 2023)

Ontario Lacrosse Association Defeats Competitor's Motion for Injunction, Mondaq (27 February 2023)

Plaintiff Suffers Blow: Punch to Face in Amateur Ice Hockey Game Found to be Not Reasonably Foreseeable, Mondaq (22 July 2021)

Blogs

Costs ordered against self-represented litigants who agreed to timetable and failed to comply (Erkman v. Perry)

25 June 2026

Lawyer who is necessary witness at trial removed from the record (Bahrami v. Jagtoo)

9 June 2026

Court grants full indemnity costs following dismissal of frivolous and fabricated claim (Kovacevic v. Bank of Montreal)

26 November 2025

Clear wording of agreement leads to finding of several, not joint nor joint and several liability (SBLR LLP v. Valleymill Investments Ltd., Art Tile Limited, and McCarthy Tetrault LLP)

30 January 2025

Meeting of the minds important to the enforceability of a contract (Corridor Transport Inc. v. Lentini)

28 October 2024

"Chilling effect" on a plaintiff or others not grounds for harm on an anti-SLAPP motion

12 June 2023

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Canada Soccer Loses Bid to Stay Arbitration Award

6 April 2023

Ontario Lacrosse Association Defeats Competitor's Motion for Injunction

27 February 2023

Plaintiffs unable to establish terms of contract and entitlement to funds paid to trucking company

17 February 2023

Plaintiff Suffers Blow: Punch to Face in Amateur Ice Hockey Game Found to be Not Reasonably Foreseeable

22 July 2021

Litigant Misses the Cut in Lawsuit After Being Hit in the Head by a Golf Ball

9 June 2021

Memberships and recognition

Professional memberships

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society