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JASON BEITCHMAN - PROFILE

Commercial Litigation | Administrative Law | Civil Fraud | Cryptocurrency

Jason Beitchman is a commercial litigation lawyer with expertise in civil fraud, anti-money laundering and cryptocurrency. An experienced trial and appellate lawyer, Jason is repeatedly recommended by other lawyers, professional advisors and former clients for his practical advice, good judgment and strategic approach to litigation.

In his commercial litigation and administrative law practice, Jason's expertise includes a wide range of complex commercial disputes, shareholder claims, class actions, franchise disputes, intellectual property, wrongful termination, professional negligence and real property disputes. Jason's effectiveness as counsel comes in part from his tenacity in understanding the business and personal goals of his clients, and his dedication to achieving those goals.

Jason is a leading expert in administrative tribunal compliance and disciplinary proceedings, having appeared before dozens of administrative tribunals and agencies for individuals and businesses facing either revocation of their licensing or substantial fines. His expertise in tribunal proceedings, judicial review and administrative appeals was honed during a year spent as a judicial law clerk with the Federal Court of Canada, during which time he almost exclusively dealt with administrative law issues.

In his burgeoning civil fraud, AML and cryptocurrency practice, Jason focuses on: (i) recovery of loss arising from all types of fraud; (ii) claims arising from investment losses; and (3) assisting regulated professionals and entities respond to investigations or allegations from regulators including the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC), the Financial Transactions Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC), the Mutual Fund Dealers Association (MFDA) and the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO).

An active member of the legal community, Jason recently completed a three-year mandate on the Executive Committee of the Ontario Bar Association's Civil Litigation Section. Among other projects, he helped to craft recommendations submitted to Toronto's Regional Senior Justice on ways to improve efficiency and access to justice for litigants in the Ontario courts.

Before opening his own litigation firm in 2015, Jason spent several years as a go-to litigator at one of Canada's largest national law firms. Prior to that, he served as a judicial law clerk to Justice Robert L. Barnes of the Federal Court of Canada.

Jason lives in Toronto, Canada with his wife and three children.

ASSOCIATIONS

Ontario Bar Association – (Past Civil Litigation Executive Committee Member)

Canadian Bar Association

The Advocates' Society

Toronto Lawyer's Association

CALL TO THE BAR

Ontario, 2009

British Columbia, 2012

REPORTED DECISIONS

Of Jason's 30 reported decisions, 16 have been cited by courts in Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and federally a total of 97 times (as reported by CanLII.org). This does not include the four Supreme Court of Canada appeals, which collectively have been cited by other courts 175 times.

A list of Jason's reported cases is available here.

In addition to his reported decision, Jason has dozens of unreported decisions and has assisted clients with dozens more cases that have been resolved out of court, in arbitration or through mediation.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- October 23, 2019, Panelist, ACAMS 7th Annual AML & Financial Crime Conference, Managing the Risks of Cryptocurrencies and Prepaid Payment Products in Today's AML Regime
- May 24, 2019 Jason Beitchman a presented at CMSBA Spring Training on the FINTRAC Examination Process and new AMP Guidelines: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2019-cmsba-spring-training-toronto-tickets-59774823105

- May 13, 2019 Jason Beitchman authors article in Canadian Lawyer
 Magazine on Court decision Confirming Refusal to Permit Export of
 Nationally Significant Artwork
 https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/author/jason-beitchman/heffel-gallery-decision-is-good-news-for-museums-building-public-art-collections-17221/
- April 24, 2019 Jason Beitchman comments in Windsor Star on longawaited court decision and what it means for land developers. The full article is available here: https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/waiting-and-waiting-for-spring-garden-ruling-that-could-cost-windsor-millions
- February 21, 2019 Jason Beitchman interviewed by ACAMS
 moneylaundering.com on newly published FINTRAC guidelines on
 penalties and enforcement, "Canadian FIU Stakes Enforcement Claim in
 Guidance, AML Exam Manual"
- November 7, 2018, Presenter, Canadian Money Services Businesses Association, FINTRAC Penalties & Appeals Update https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cmsba-fall-conference-2018-tickets-47153803295#
- August 6, 2018 Interviewed for CBC National Radio and Print on issues relating to bitcoin regulation, CRA surveyed businesses to find out why they're taking bitcoin ATMs https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/cra-bitcoin-atm-research-survey-1.4771983
- July 18, 2018 Panelist, AML Regulations for Cryptocurrencies, hosted by Blockgeeks.com, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6X8WcNMEeJA
- June 13, 2018 Jason Beitchman quoted in Bitcoin Magazine article, "Regulatory Changes: Proposed Regulations Could Cause Major Shifts in Canadian Crypto Businesses", https://bitcoinmagazine.com/articles/proposed-regulations-could-cause-major-shifts-canadian-crypto-businesses/

- May 11, 2018, Presenter, Appraisal Institute of Canada, You're Being Sued: What's Next?: https://www.aicanada.ca/
- April 20, 2017, Chair, OBA Civil Litigation Section Program, *Pleading Your Case Successfully*:
 https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba on/pdf/PD/2017/17CIV042

 OC.pdf
- December 2016, Jason Beitchman Interviewed in *Keeping Tabs*, http://rbllp.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2016.12.01-Keeping-Tabs-Interview-with-Jason-Beitchman.pdf
- May 2016, Co-Chair, OBA Civil Litigation Section Program, Innovation in Litigation: Responding to Changes in the Legal Industry, https://www.cbapd.org/details-en.aspx?id=on-16civ0509c
- October 2015, Presenter, Canadian Money Services Businesses
 Association Fall Conference, FINTRAC Compliance Proceedings and Appeals
- September 2015, Presenter, Money Laundering in Canada Conference, Responding to FINTRAC Findings of Non-Compliance
- April 8-9, 2015, Presenter, 14th Annual Forum on Anti-Money Laundering, FINTRAC Compliance Proceedings and Appeals, https://www.canadianinstitute.com/anti-money-laundering-262l15-tor/agenda/
- 2015: Publication, A FINTRAC Primer: The Compliance Regime, http://rbllp.com/wp-content/uploads/content/pdf/E12%20-%20A-FINTRAC-Primer%20-%20The%20Compliance%20Regime.pdf
- 2014: Publication, Summary Judgment Update: Supreme Court Signals Culture Shift to Greater Access to Justice, http://rbllp.com/wp-content/uploads/content/pdf/E13%20-%20Summary-Judgment-Update.pdf