

MARK FREIMAN JOINS LERNERS LLP

Toronto office welcomes new partner to Commercial Litigation Group

TORONTO, JANUARY 21, 2010 – Lerner LLP is pleased to welcome Mark Freiman to the firm’s Commercial Litigation Group.

“We are honoured to have Mark Freiman join Lerner,” says Brian Grant, Managing Partner of the Toronto office. “He is a brilliant lawyer, a distinguished academic and an outstanding community leader with a proven track record.”

Mark is returning to private practice to work with clients on appeals, defamation, commercial disputes and public law matters. He brings special legal experience in public inquiries and Royal Commissions, dealings with the provincial and federal governments, national security and defamation issues.

“I can think of no other place I’d rather practise law,” says Mark Freiman about his new position. “The collegial atmosphere and sterling reputation of Lerner lawyers is what attracted me to join them now that I am back in private practice.”

Most recently, Mark acted as Lead Commission Counsel for the Commission of Inquiry into the Investigation of the Bombing of Air India Flight 182. Previously, he was partner and department head at a large national firm. From 2000 to 2004, he served as Deputy Attorney General for Ontario.

Mark is active in the community where he serves as the National President of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

A strategic legal thinker, Mark approaches each client situation by looking at the desired outcome and then at the legal tools available to help achieve that outcome. He has provided high level strategic and policy advice to Governments and public bodies and represented the interests of corporations and individuals at all levels of court. He has appeared in landmark cases spanning a range from constitutional law to defamation, to contracts, patents and pensions, all the way to tort liability for intoxicated patrons. He has acted to vindicate human rights and civil liberties of individuals and communities in forums extending from Human Rights Tribunals to the Supreme Court of Canada and the European Court for Human Rights.

Mark is a distinguished speaker and author of numerous articles. He is co-author of *The Litigator’s Guide to Expert Witnesses*, and frequently writes, teaches and speaks on topics related to law and media. He has been the recipient of numerous academic awards and has also taught extensively at the university level.

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Mark completed his LLB (Honours) at University of Toronto and holds a Ph.D. with Distinction from Stanford University.

Lerners LLP, one of Canada's largest litigation groups with over 100 lawyers, has offices in Toronto and London, Ontario. Lerners lawyers represent a wide range of individual and institutional clients, from victims of accidents to corporations embroiled in complex business disputes and appeals. Its lawyers, many of whom have been involved in landmark cases, practise in the following areas: Commercial Dispute Resolution, Medical Liability, Professional Defence, Insurance Law, Personal Injury Law, Public Law, Appeals, Tax and Business Law.

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