

# LISA C. MUNRO

## Defence Class Actions

PARTNER & ARBITRATOR, FCIARB,  
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*"Class actions provide opportunities to effect change in matters of public importance and widespread interest. They require strategic creativity and tenacity to achieve results, as the stakes are invariably high for all of those who are involved."*

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### REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Lisa Munro is a partner at Lerners LLP, with more than 25 years of experience as counsel in commercial/business litigation and both international and domestic commercial arbitration. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and has obtained the ADR Institute of Canada's Qualified Arbitrator (Q.Arb) designation.

Lisa has particular expertise in the following areas of practice:

- ◆ Class actions for both plaintiffs and defendants
- ◆ Business and contractual disputes
- ◆ Commercial arbitrations (domestic and international, *ad hoc* and under institutional rules)
- ◆ Shareholder disputes, including oppression remedy claims
- ◆ Commercial tenancies & real estate disputes
- ◆ Directors' and officers' liability
- ◆ Banking litigation
- ◆ Transnational law, enforcement of foreign judgments, and letters rogatory
- ◆ Accountants' and auditors' liability

As a former member of the Lerners LLP Executive Committee and Managing Partner of the Toronto Office of Lerners LLP for 12 years, Lisa has unique insights and skills to address business critical issues.

### LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

- ◆ Board of Directors, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Canada Branch) (2020 to present)
- ◆ Managing Partner, Lerners LLP Toronto Office (2018 to 2019)
- ◆ Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Lerners LLP (2017 to 2019)
- ◆ Chair, Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society Strategic Planning Committee (2015)
- ◆ Board of Directors, Greater Toronto Scout Foundation (2014 to present)
- ◆ Co-Chair, Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society Executive Committee (2014 to 2017)
- ◆ Executive Committee Member, Lerners LLP (2007 to 2019)
- ◆ Practice Group Leader, Lerners LLP Toronto Commercial Litigation Practice Group (2004 to 2006)
- ◆ Honourary Legal Counsel, Scouts Canada, Greater Toronto Council (2002 to 2013)
- ◆ Partner, Lerners LLP (2001 to present)
- ◆ Chair, Student Committee, Lerners LLP (2001 to 2004)

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## NOTEWORTHY CASES

- ◆ *Blair v Toronto Community Housing Corporation* (2011). Counsel for third parties added after certification, an insurance adjusting firm and an investigation and security company, in an action brought by residents in respect of a fire in an apartment building against owner and manager of building for negligence.
- ◆ *Steven Drover et al v. Argus Corporation et al.*, Court file No. 04-CV-028645 (unreported, July, 2009). Counsel for defendant in class action brought against former directors and officers of Hollinger-related companies.
- ◆ *Royal Trust Corp. v. Fisherman* (2001), 55 O.R. (3d) 794 (C.A.). Co-counsel for plaintiffs in a class action for misrepresentation pursuant to s. 130 of the *Ontario Securities Act* brought by shareholders of YBM Magnex International, Inc., who purchased their shares pursuant to a prospectus and suffered a loss. Motion to determine whether report prepared by YBM's receiver analyzing causes of action was protected from disclosure to others by common interest privilege. Decision and order granting certification and approving terms of settlement in first major securities class action settlement in Canada at [2002] O.J. No. 1855 (S.C.J.)

## AWARDS/RECOGNITION

- ◆ Benchmark Canada Litigation Star (2018 to 2020)
- ◆ Selected by "Women's Executive Network" as one of Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 (2017)
- ◆ Selected by peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in Canada for corporate and commercial litigation, alternative dispute resolution, class action litigation, and professional malpractice law (2015 to 2021)
- ◆ Recognized and recommended by Lexpert as a leading cross-border lawyer for corporate commercial litigation, Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada (2016)
- ◆ Selected by peers for inclusion in Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory for corporate commercial litigation and commercial arbitration (2016, 2018-2019, 2021)
- ◆ Lexpert Zenith Award for Diversity and Inclusion (2016)
- ◆ Selected by "Diversity Journal" as a recipient of its Women Worth Watching Award (2015)
- ◆ Scouts Canada Medal for Good Service (2006)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Speaker, "YBM Case Study: Anatomy of a Securities Class Action Settlement" (Canadian Institute Conference, "Litigating Class Actions", Toronto, October 1, 2003)
- ◆ Speaker, "How to Effectively Handle a Class Action Certification Motion" (Prepared for Pre-Conference Workshop at Canadian Institute Conference, "Litigating Class Actions, Toronto", September 29, 2003)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Partner, Lerner LLP (2001 to present)
- ◆ Associate lawyer, Lerner LLP (1994 to 2001)
- ◆ Articling student, Lerner LLP (1992 to 1993)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Canada Branch (FCIArb)
- ◆ ADR Institute of Canada/Ontario
- ◆ Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- ◆ Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society
- ◆ Toronto Lawyers Association
- ◆ The Advocates' Society
- ◆ Ontario Bar Association
- ◆ Law Society of Ontario

## EDUCATION

- ◆ CIArb Accelerated Route to Fellowship Course (FCIArb) (2021)

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- ◆ ADR Institute of Canada Qualified Arbitrator Designation (QArb) (2018)
- ◆ Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society Gold Standard Course (2017)
- ◆ Admitted to Ontario Bar (1994)
- ◆ Bachelor of Laws, The University of Western Ontario (1992)
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts (3 years completed), University of Toronto (1986 to 1989)

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