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Chris Paliare is a pioneer in boutique litigation. His unique combination of sophisticated legal skills, strategic instincts, and creativity has earned him recognition as one of the top litigators in the country.

Representative Work

- Chris Paliare's practice covers all aspects of counsel work, including appeals, complex corporate and commercial litigation, securities litigation, administrative law, public law, class actions, Charter of Rights and constitutional litigation, defamation, employment law, pension litigation, and white collar crime.
- Chris has appeared before numerous administrative tribunals as well as in every level of trial and appellate court in the Province of Ontario, and the Supreme Court of Canada.
- Acting on behalf of professionals who have come into conflict with their regulatory agencies, Chris regularly appears before the Divisional Court, the Court of Appeal for Ontario, and before disciplinary bodies.
- Chris has supervised the conduct of multi-jurisdictional litigation. He is a frequent lecturer and speaker to professional industry groups on the impact of litigation trends and employment and labour issues.

Accolades

Awards and Special Recognition

- Member of the Order of Ontario, 2011
- Ontario Bar Association Award of Excellence in Civil Litigation, 2016
- Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Association Gold Key Award for Outstanding Achievement, 2008
- Law Society Medal, 2004

Education:

University of Texas at Austin,
LL.M, 1971

Osgoode Hall, LL.B., 1970

Bar Admissions:

Ontario, 1973

Professional Affiliations:

American College of Trial
Lawyers and former Ontario
Provincial Chair, Fellow

Honourary Member of
COMBAR, Fellow

Canadian Bar Association,
Member

Chartered Institute of
Arbitrators, Member

International Academy of Trial
Lawyers (Eastern Canadian
Chair), Fellow

International Society of
Barristers, Fellow

LSUC, Certified Specialist in
Civil Litigation

The Advocates' Society,
Member, former Board
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- Selected as one of Toronto's 50 Most Influential People, Toronto Life, 2013
- The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers* as one of a group of 39 "most eminent and influential Bet-the-Company Litigators" from across Canada

Industry Rankings

- Recognized in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory: Most Frequently Recommended:*
 - Employment Law – Employer (2020 and 2021)
 - Employment Law – Employee (2020 and 2021)
 - Labour Relations – Labour (2020 and 2021)
 - Litigation – Corporate Commercial (2020 and 2021)
 - Litigation – Regulatory & Public Law (2020 and 2021)
- *Consistently Recommended:*
 - Litigation – Directors' & Officers' Liability (2020 and 2021)
- *Repeatedly Recommended:*
 - Class Actions (2020)
 - Workplace Human Rights – Employer (2020 and 2021)
- Recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as 2020 Litigation Star and one of the Top 50 Trial Lawyers in Canada
- Recognized in the *2020 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*
- Recognized as The Legal 500 Canada in the elite "Leading Lawyers" list and recommended in the editorial for dispute resolution
- Recognized as Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers in Canada, 2020*
- Recognized in the *2019 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory: Most Frequently Recommended:*
 - Employment Law – Employer
 - Employment Law – Employee
 - Labour Relations – Labour
 - Litigation – Corporate Commercial
 - Litigation – Public Law
- *Consistently Recommended:*
 - Litigation – Directors' & Officers' Liability
 - Workplace Human Rights - Employer
- Recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as 2019 Litigation Star and one of the Top 50 Trial Lawyers in Canada
- Recognized by *Who's Who Legal Canada – Litigation as Most Highly Regarded* and *Who's Who Legal Litigation - Lawyers*
- Featured in *Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* annually

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- Featured in the Globe and Mail's *Lexpert®/Report on Business Magazine – Leading Litigation Lawyer*, December 2018
- Ranked by *Chambers Canada 2019* in Band 1 of *Litigation: General Commercial - Ontario*
- Ranked by *Chambers Canada 2019* in Band 1 of *Employment & Labour: Labour for Unions - Ontario*
- Ranked as a leading lawyer by *Chambers Global Canada*, 2016
- Listed in *Best Lawyers, Lawyer of the Year* in Administrative and Public Law, 2015
- Featured in the Globe and Mail's *Lexpert®/Report on Business Magazine – Litigation Lawyer*, December 2015
- Identified as a leading cross-border litigation lawyer in the *Lexpert® Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-border Litigation Lawyers* in Canada, annually
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in Canada in Public and Administrative Law, Class Actions, Corporate Commercial Litigation and Labour and Employment Law*, annually
- Specialist in Civil Litigation, Certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada

Publications/Presentations

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Chris is continuously listed in the following publications:

- Chambers Global The World's Leading Lawyers
- Euromoney's Expert Guide to Global Labour and Employment Lawyers PLC Global Counsel Handbook.
- Best Lawyers, Bet-the-Company Litigators
- Guide to the Leading 100 Canada/US Cross-Border Litigators
- Lexpert Guide to the 100 Most Creative Lawyers in Canada
- Lexpert/American Lawyer Media Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada
- Mondaq's Employment Lawyers
- Recognized in Best Lawyers as one of a group of 39 "most eminent and influential Bet-the-Company Litigators" from across Canada
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers
- The International Who's Who of Commercial Litigators (Law Business Research)
- The International Who's Who of Labour and Employment Lawyers
- Benchmark Canada

Community Involvement

- Canadian Macedonian Place, Vice-President and Board Member
- Counsel to the Honourable Madam Justice Gloria Epstein with respect to the Dionne Quintuplet Review (1998-99)
- President, Macedonian Canadian Lawyers' Association