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Ren is a partner at Paliare Roland. His trial and appellate practice spans complex commercial disputes that often involve new technologies, intellectual property, defamation, and competition law.

He regularly acts in cross-border litigation involving public and private companies, and his broad advocacy experience includes dozens of trials, appeals, international and domestic arbitrations, coroner's requests, and administrative tribunal hearings. Ren both prosecutes and defends class actions.

In addition to public-facing litigation, Ren frequently provides practical discreet advice to organizations and individuals.

Ren spent several years representing a non-governmental organization at a specialized agency of the United Nations based in Geneva, and served as a Google Policy Fellow while completing graduate work on competition law, technology standards and intellectual property. In 2018, Ren was recognized for the *Precedent Setter Award* by Precedent Magazine. He also clerked for the Judges of the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Representative Work

- Nova Growth Corp. v. Boxer et. Al - Counsel for defendants in a lengthy commercial trial involving claims for an interest in the Niagara Falls casino. Defeated a range of contract and conspiracy claims, including allegations of computer spoliation.
- Borden Ladner Gervais v. Barlow - Counsel to the plaintiff in defamation matter, including obtaining injunctions on the basis of Internet defamation and trademark infringement.

Education:

Osgoode Hall Law School
2010

Bar Admissions:

Ontario, 2011

Professional Affiliations:

The Advocates' Society
Canadian Bar Association
Ontario Bar Association
Pro Bono Law Ontario
Advisory Board Member,
Electronic Frontier Foundation

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- Sheridan Chevrolet Cadillac Ltd. v. Kyungshin-Lear Sales and Engineering - Counsel to defendant in a multi-jurisdictional class action involving alleged price-fixing among automotive parts manufacturers.
- Die-Mold Tool Ltd. v. McKenzie - Counsel to a corporate plaintiff in a complex series of disputes involving the alleged oppressive conduct of a departing executive.
- Ren v. College of Massage Therapists of Ontario - Counsel to the College in this judicial review of a decision regarding allegations of advertising improprieties.
- Wi-LAN v. John Doe - Counsel to the plaintiff in a defamation action against an anonymous Internet user involving multiple Norwich Orders seeking third-party records.
- Royal Sun Alliance v. Viridian - Dispute over historical insurance coverage for environmental damage in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.
- Goldhar v. Ha'aretz - Counsel to the plaintiff in a defamation action involving the online publication of an article by an Israeli newspaper.
- Xerox Corporation v. Infinite Media Inc. - Counsel to the plaintiff in a software licensing dispute encompassing allegations of copyright infringement.
- Pastore v. Aviva Canada Inc. - Counsel for successful appellant on matter regarding the proper interaction of the Statutory Accident Benefits Schedule of the Insurance Act and the scope of judicial review of decision made in that context.
- Davydyiuk v. The Internet Archive et al. - Counsel to the defendants in a suit alleging copyright infringement related to the Wayback Machine.
- Perfect 10, Inc. v. Google, Inc. et al. - Counsel for Google in copyright case relating to image search.

Awards and Honours

- Recognized in the *2021 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory: Consistently Recommended* - Litigation - Corporate Commercial
Repeatedly Recommended – Litigation – Defamation & Media
Repeatedly Recommended – Professional Liability
- Recognized in the *2020 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as Consistently Recommended* - Litigation - Corporate Commercial
- ASAP Young Legal Talent Program (2013): Featured Young Litigator
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Best Factum, Best Oralist (national rounds)

Publications/Presentations

- **Insult and injury** - contributed an article to the June 5, 2015 issue of the Lawyers Weekly published by Lexis Nexis Canada Inc. This article discusses the decision in *Baglow v. Smith* which involves the liability of website "moderators" for the defamation of speakers on the internet.
- **How Can Canadian Authors Thrive in a Digital World?** -participated in a panel discussion as part of the Authors Alliance and the University of Toronto Libraries on the opportunities and challenges that internet presents to both academic and independent authors. Topics included the role of copyright law and fair dealing, new publishing opportunities (including open access publishing), and how digital dissemination can provide new life for older and out-of-print titles.

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- **Dynamic Fair Dealing with Orphan Work: Lessons from "Real" Property** - authored a chapter on Dynamic Fair Dealing with Orphan Works published in *Dynamic Fair Dealing: Creating Canadian Culture Online* published by the University of Toronto Press.
- **Voltage Pictures LLC v. John Doe and Jane Doe 2014 FC 161, The Federal Court of Canada** - contribute this article to the March-April, 2014 issue of *E-Commerce Law Reports*.
- **The Battle for Control of the Web** - presented on the topic, exploring the growing battle against state-control and censorship of the Web, at the mesh13 conference held in Toronto on May 15-16, 2013.
- **Hidden Treasure and Hydra's Heads: How Clarifying Canadian Insurance Law can Address Environmental Harm** - Smith, G. and Bucholz, R. "Hidden Treasure and Hydra's Heads: How Clarifying Canadian Insurance Law can Address Environmental Harm". *The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Insurance & Reinsurance*, Global Legal Group Ltd, London, UK (2012, 2013 editions).