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Andrew Lewis is widely respected for his thoughtful and incisive work, expressed through clear, sharp writing and a meticulous attention to detail. He practices as a litigator in a wide variety of employment, civil, commercial and administrative matters.

In employment law, Andrew is frequently consulted in contract negotiations as well as termination and constructive dismissal. In commercial litigation, he is often involved in shareholder and contract disputes. He has appeared before all levels of court, many tribunals, and has acted in a range of mediations and arbitrations. Andrew is also responsible for the firm's internal conflict management and is one of the creative drivers behind the firm's beloved, irreverent holiday cards.

Education

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, LL.B., Queen's University, B.A. (Hons.), 1991
1995

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1997

Professional Affiliations

The Advocates' Society

Practice Areas

Appeals and Judicial Review

Class Actions

Commercial Litigation

Defamation, Libel and Slander

Employment Law

Human Rights

Judicial Inquiries and Inquests

Privacy and Access

Professional Discipline and Regulation

Public and Administrative Law

Awards and Honours

Best Lawyers in Canada - Administrative and Public Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation - Since 2021

Representative Work

Inquiry Counsel to The Honourable Mr. Justice Herman J. Wilton-Siegel, Commissioner of the City of Hamilton's Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry, 2019-2023.

Oliveira v. Oliveira: defendant found liable for defamation, and a permanent injunction issued (2019 ONSC 4400).

Cannon v. Funds for Canada Foundation: principles to be applied in determining when individuals who have opted out of a class action can opt back in (2014 ONSC 2259).

Cytrynbaum v. Look Communications Inc.: right of corporate officers and directors to advancement of legal fees from corporation in lawsuit brought by that corporation against them (2013 ONCA 455).

Richards v. Media Experts M.H.S. Inc.: Statement of claim asserting tort claims against individual officer of the defendant employer struck out in wrongful dismissal claim, based on exclusionary clause in the employment contract (2012 ONCA 769) (2012 ONSC 3518).

Labatt Brewing Company Ltd. v. NHL Enterprises Canada, L.P. (2011), 106 O.R. (3d) 677 (C.A); setting aside 2011 ONSC 3219 Procedural fairness arising from injunction granted by Superior Court.

Eisses v. CPL Systems Canada Inc. (2009), 77 C.P.C. (6th) 355 (Ont. Master); solicitor-client privilege, waiver of privilege, and removal of law firm (CanLII 45440).

New Carbon Co. v. Tastee Fare Canada Inc. (2009), CarswellOnt 8569 (S.C.J.); injunctive relief and return of property (2010 ONSC 2615).

Leader Media Productions Ltd. v. Sentinel Hill Alliance Atlantis Equicap Limited Partnership (2008), 90 O.R. (3d) 561 (C.A.); affirming 2006 CarswellOnt 6516; judicial somnolence and adequacy of trial reasons (2008 ONCA 463).

Jamal v. O.P.S.E.U. (2008), CarswellOnt 2285 (S.C.J.); affirmed 2009 ONCA 550; leave to appeal to S.C.C. denied Striking statement of claim for court's lack of jurisdiction (2008 CanLII 17561).

First Gulf Development Corp. v. Alfa Laval Inc. (2006), 18 B.L.R. 72; striking statement of claim based on exclusionary clauses (2006 CanLII 15749).

Lyons v. Toronto (Computer Leasing Inquiry – Bellamy Commission) (2004), 70 O.R. (3d) 39 (Div.Ct.); solicitor-client privilege and public inquiries (2004 CanLII 11615).

R. v. Malmo-Levine (2003), SCC 74; constitutional challenge to marijuana possession laws (2003 SCC 74).

Saunders v. Chateau des Charmes (2002), C.C.E.L. (3d) 220 (S.C.J.); constructive dismissal arising from abusive conduct (2002 CanLII 5114).

Community Involvement

Member of the firm's Doin' Good Committee which administers the firm's charitable donations program.

Sponsored and coached the awesome Paliare Roland Penguins in the Withrow Park Ball Hockey League

Presentations

Frequent instructor or presenter at Continuing Professional Development courses conducted by The Advocates' Society and the Law Society of Ontario