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Todd Shikaze practises civil and commercial litigation, with a particular focus on complex class actions.

Todd represents clients in a broad range of practice areas, including class action defence, construction and environmental law, shareholder disputes, and professional governance and regulation. A significant portion of Todd's practice involves defending national competition law class actions.

Todd has represented clients and assisted senior counsel in commercial arbitrations and at all levels of provincial courts including the B.C. Supreme Court, the B.C. Court of Appeal, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Yukon Supreme Court, the Yukon Court of Appeal, the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, and the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench. Todd also has experience with matters before administrative tribunals such as the Canadian Transportation Agency, the B.C. Health Professions Review Board and the Canadian Competition Bureau.

Todd joined the firm as a summer student in 2012, articulated with the firm in 2013 and became an associate in 2014.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

EXPERIENCE

- Successfully defended passenger vehicle carriers against certification of a proposed class action alleging anti-competitive conduct.
- Acted for various manufacturers of consumer electronics in class actions across Canada which allege anti-competitive conduct, including in respect of various automotive parts, electrolytic capacitors, lithium ion batteries, optical disc drives, static random access memory, and other products.
- Defended a public electric utility in a 15-day trial regarding a hydro-electric turbine installation project.

RELATED SERVICES

- Antitrust and Competition
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
- Corporate
- Administrative Law

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English

- Acted for an environmental remediation contractor in a commercial arbitration regarding dumping of contaminated soils.
- Assisted a self-regulated profession to prevent non-members from using certain professional designations in B.C.
- Successfully defended a national retailer in a false imprisonment lawsuit.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- British Columbia, 2014

Recognitions

- Law Foundation Award, 2011

Education

- J.D., University of British Columbia, 2013
- B.A., University of British Columbia, 2009

Memberships

- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Law Society of Yukon Territory (Temporary)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Volunteer Clinician, Law Students' Legal Advice Program, 2010
- Volunteer, Vancouver Folk Music Festival, 1998-Present

INSIGHTS

Publications

The Supreme Court of Canada “levels” class certification

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Class actions are often complex: thousands if not millions of putative class members may unite, seeking millions if not billions of dollars. With so much at stake, there is often a fierce initial battle at the class certification stage over whether the diverse individual claims are sufficiently common to proceed together.

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- Co-author, "On the 'Level' After Godfrey: Proving Liability in Canadian Price Fixing Class Actions," *Class Action Defence Quarterly*, Vol 12, No. 2, December 2017 [Reprinted by permission of LexisNexis Canada Inc., from the Class Action Defence Quarterly Edited by Eliot N. Kolers, Copyright 2017]