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Our firm is at the forefront of automotive product liability litigation in Canada. We are national defence counsel to some of the world's leading automotive companies in product liability litigation. We represent foreign manufacturers, Canadian distributors and dealers, major part suppliers (Tier 1 and Tier 2) and aftermarket suppliers of automotive products. We have extensive experience defending warranty claims on behalf of automotive distributors. Our capability in these cases is enhanced by the unparalleled depth and scope of our automotive business practice.

Our lawyers are regularly retained to defend companies in individual personal injury product liability lawsuits. We also have extensive experience handling class actions for the automotive industry on everything from pricing, to allegedly defective components to misrepresentations re vehicle performance.

We Understand Automotive Products

We know the industry and its players, AND we understand automotive products – their design and regulatory evolution, the underlying technology and the physics of occupant and vehicle movement. We regularly defend claims involving air bags, braking systems, seatbelts, stability control systems, steering systems and crashworthiness.

We have an informed understanding of the issues relating to the inspection of motor vehicles and their systems for purposes of product liability defence, including related spoliation issues.

We have an extensive knowledge of Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in both Canada and the U.S. We can also advise on the differences in jurisdiction and practice as between Transport Canada and the NHTSA when it comes to regulatory non-compliance and defect issues.

We Have the Experience and the Resources

Defending automotive companies in Canadian litigation often means defending a foreign company.

Our product liability lawyers have extensive experience dealing with issues that are specific to the defence of foreign manufacturers: foreign service of process, jurisdiction, production of foreign documents, protection of confidential business information and the preparation of foreign witnesses.

We have a significant automotive regulatory practice and liaise frequently with leading U.S. counsel on regulatory issues of interest to automotive manufacturers on both sides of the border.

We also liaise extensively with leading U.S. defence counsel on expert witnesses, discovery issues, developments in U.S. law and other major defence issues that can have an impact in Canada.

Helpful Links:

[Motor Vehicle Safety Act, 1993, c.16 and regulations](#)

[Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and Regulations \(U.S.\)](#)

[Transport Canada](#)

[Environmental Protection Act](#)

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