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Ren Bucholz is a trial and appellate lawyer. 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, and administrative hearings. Ren clerked at the Ontario Court of Appeal and has appeared as lead counsel at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

Ren's practice spans complex commercial disputes that often involve new technologies and intellectual property. He has acted in patent, copyright, and trademark matters in the Federal Court, Superior Court, and in private arbitrations. A former Google Policy fellow, Ren spent several years representing a leading NGO at the World Intellectual Property Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations, where he dealt with copyright, trademark, and patent policy. He also spent years working on technology standards involving broadcasting, digital copyright protection, open-source software, and voting machine security at entities like the IEEE and DVB. Ren has published articles and book chapters on the intersections of new technology and intellectual property.

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

Education

Osgoode Hall Law School, J.D., 2010

York University, M.A. in Communications

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and Culture, 2009

University of Colorado, Boulder, B.S. (Hon)

in Journalism, 2004

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

Board Chair, Code for Canada

Practice Areas

Appeals and Judicial Review

Intellectual Property

Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation

Judicial Inquiries and Inquests

Class Actions

Mediation and Arbitration

Commercial Litigation

Professional Discipline and Regulation

Constitutional Litigation

Public and Administrative Law

Defamation, Libel and Slander

Awards and Honours

Lexpert Special Edition on Litigation - Recognized as a leader in Litigation - Corporate Commercial - 2023

Best Lawyers in Canada 2024 - Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Best Lawyers in Canada - Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Benchmark Litigation - Future Star

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory - Consistently Recommended - Corporate Commercial

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory - Repeatedly Recommended - Professional Liability

2020 Lexpert Rising Star: Leading Lawyer Under 40

2018 Precedent Setter Award

2013 - ASAP Young Legal Talent Program - Featured Young Litigator

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 (2014 ONSC 2763).

Borden Ladner Gervais v. Barlow

Counsel to the plaintiff in defamation matter, including obtaining injunctions on the basis of Internet defamation and trademark infringement.

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 (2014 ONSC 2758).

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.

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Goldhar v. Ha'aretz

Counsel to the plaintiff in a defamation action involving the online publication of an article by an Israeli newspaper (2018 SCC 28).

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 (2012 ONCA 642).

Davydyjuk v. The Internet Archive et al.

Counsel to the defendants in a suit alleging copyright infringement related to the Wayback Machine (2014 465 F.T.R. 76 (FC)).

Perfect 10, Inc. v. Google, Inc. et al.

Counsel for Google in copyright case relating to image search (2011 FC 348).

Publications

Contributor – Article discussing decision in *Baglow v. Smith* which involves the liability of website “moderators” for the defamation of speakers on the internet – *Lawyers Weekly* – June 5, 2015

Contributor – *Dynamic fair dealing with orphan work: lessons from “real” property* – 2013

Contributor – *Voltage Pictures LLC v. John Doe and Jane Doe* 2014 FC 161, *The Federal Court of Canada* – E-Commerce law reports – March-April 2014

Co-author – *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

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Presentations

Panel discussion – *How Canadian authors thrive in a digital world?* – Authors Alliance and the University of Toronto Libraries

Presenter – *The battle for control of the web* – Mesh13 conference – May 15, 2013