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CALLED TO THE BAR OF ONTARIO,
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EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Windsor
- B.A., York University

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Litigation
- Construction Law
- Fraud Investigation Recovery and Enforcement
- Commercial Leasing
- Cannabis
- Entertainment Law

Varoujan Arman is a partner in the firm's Commercial Litigation group and Co-Chair of the firm's Fraud, Investigation, Recovery and Enforcement (FIRE) group. In addition to his law degree, Varoujan also holds the designation "C.F.I.", as an Accredited Certified Forensic Investigator in fraud matters. Varoujan has been recognized as a 'Leading Lawyer to Watch' in Corporate Commercial Litigation and in Canada's Leading Lawyers, Special Edition: Infrastructure 2022, by *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory*. Varoujan is also the winner of the prestigious Lexpert 'Rising Star' national award in 2021.

Varoujan's clients rely on him to guide them through the complex world of commercial litigation. Known among his clients and colleagues as a prompt, dependable and fearless advocate, Varoujan is equally persuasive in the boardroom as he is in the courtroom. Clients with matters ranging from shareholder disputes and oppression claims, debt collection and enforcement of foreign judgments to construction law, lease disputes, regulatory matters, and professional negligence claims benefit from Varoujan's practical and cost-effective approach to litigation. Varoujan assesses strengths and weaknesses early on to pinpoint the optimal strategy for any case.

Raised by a musical family, Varoujan also maintains an active music production and DJ career. With his connections to the local

music scene, Varoujan is uniquely positioned to provide legal advice to other musicians and DJs, promoters, nightclubs, festivals and talent agencies. By combining his passion for the law with his passion for music, Varoujan offers clients the context and expertise that can only be provided by an industry insider.

Varoujan appears regularly before the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto and various surrounding jurisdictions. Varoujan has also appeared at the Divisional Court and Court of Appeal for Ontario.

EXPERIENCE

- *Dorr Capital Corporation v Kingwood River Walk Homes Limited et al.*, 2019 ONSC 29 Successful motion for summary judgment to recover commitment fee owed under commercial mortgage financing commitment.
- *V. Melfi Holding Ltd v Dourada Investment Inc.*, 2018 ONCA 290 (CA) Successful response to appeal from favourable motion for summary judgment in a commercial leasing dispute.
- *Continental Casualty Co. v Symons*, 2015 ONSC 6394 Successful motion for summary judgment for recognition and enforcement of \$45 million foreign judgment
- *Klein v Stiller*, 2015 ONSC 3705 Successful defence of motion to add client as defendant beyond expiry of limitation period, decision affirmed on appeal by the Divisional Court: 2016 ONSC 1930
- *10 Dundas Street Ltd v Koryo Korean BBQ Franchise Corp.*, 2015 ONSC 4564 Successful motion for summary judgment in commercial leasing dispute

RECOGNITION

- 2021 Lexpert Rising Star
- 2022 Lexpert named a “Leading Lawyer to Watch in Corporate Commercial Litigation”
- Ranked as a leading litigation lawyer in the *2022 Lexpert Special Edition – Canada’s Leading Litigation Lawyers*
- Ranked in Lexpert Canada’s Leading Lawyers, Special Edition: Infrastructure 2022

MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian-Armenian Business Council – Board Member
- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- Armenian Bar Association
- Young Construction Executives' Club

- The Advocates' Society
- Association of Certified Forensic Investigators of Canada – Board Member

RELATED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- [September 28, 2022](#)
Speaker, ACFI 2022 Fraud Conference
- [November 16, 2020](#)
Speaker, ACFI 2020 Fraud Conference and Post Conference Workshop – "Best Practices"

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- [December 21, 2022](#)
Co-Author, Construction Liens and Adjudication Orders: the Court weighs in on having to "Pay Twice"
- [April 13, 2020](#)
Author, Province Reimposes Limitation Periods and Lien Timelines under the *Construction Act*
- [March 30, 2020](#)
Author, Adjudication of Construction Disputes Available Online During Pandemic

IN THE MEDIA

- [September 21, 2021](#)
Varoujan Arman featured in Precedent Magazine's article entitled "This corporate lawyer has DJed at some of Toronto's hottest nightclubs"

BLOG POSTS

- [March 23, 2018](#)
ONTARIO COURT OF APPEAL SUMMARIES (MARCH 19 – MARCH 23)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Director, Sponsorship - MLSE Foundation 'Game Changers' Executive Committee
- Member at Large, Civil Litigation Section Executive, Ontario Bar Association
- Volunteer Lawyer, Pro Bono Ontario