Baker McKenzie.

Representative Legal Matters

John J. Pirie

- Counsel for a multinational entity named in the Sino-Forest securities fraud class action, and in related regulatory, and global arbitration proceedings.
- Counsel for the Ontario Securities Commission pursuing significant asset recoveries in Canada and abroad.
- Counsel for HSBC Bank Canada on numerous matters, often fraud related. Obtained a significant judgment and tracing orders at trial against borrowers for fraud and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Counsel for an automotive company defending allegations of breach of restrictive covenants in a purchase agreement at trial. Obtained trial judgment dismissing action with costs.
- Counsel for an institutional shareholder and investors in stock manipulation proceedings against an agency of the Swedish Government.
- Counsel for a major US-based railway in an arbitration with a competitor concerning operational rights and revenues from tracks between the US border and parts of Canada.
- Counsel for a global oil company in an arbitration against an engineering firm concerning failed oil wells.
- Counsel for the TMX Group / Shorcan in complex proceedings involving investor allegations.
- Counsel for VitaQuest International and Nu-Life Corporation: defended, on appeal, a substantial claim that had been made by a business partner alleging fraud and breach of contract.
- Counsel for the Waldock Group in a landmark Ponzi scheme investor case, and in related regulatory proceedings.
- Counsel for Desjardins Bank in the recent Ontario credit card fee class action.
- Counsel for the Tucker Group in the Seaquest Capital case, which involved a range of investment fraud allegations.
- Counsel for Laurentian Bank on numerous matters; defended certification of a class action concerning mortgage pre-payment charges.
- Counsel for Jien Canada Mining in a significant, ongoing securities class action.



- Counsel in an arbitration concerning re-insurance services and an alleged breach of contract and fiduciary duty.
- Counsel in an arbitration concerning multiple trusts established by a partnership and alleged diversion of funds.
- Counsel for a European airline in a dispute with an Ontario airline concerning the recovery and sale of multiple aircraft.
- Counsel for General Dynamics Corporation defending a large, multi-party toxic tort action.
- Counsel in the Supreme Court of Canada for ADR Chambers Inc. The landmark case addressed whether an arbitration clause in a consumer contract can preclude a class action