



ARNOLD B. SCHWISBERG COUNSEL

A champion litigator, Mr. Schwisberg specializes in sophisticated commercial litigation. Including judicial reviews of jurisdictional excesses of regulatory agencies and tribunals; interference with business and contractual relations between competitors; business disputes among shareholders and partners; wrongful insurance denials and bad faith; employment law including prosecuting and defending wrongful dismissals; marketing, distribution and licensing; trade mark and copyright infringement actions and defences; complex breaches of contract, financial and negligence matters; insolvencies; and giving counsel to a broad spectrum of highly successful and entrepreneurial businessmen.

ARNOLD HAS APPEARED AT ALL LEVELS OF THE ONTARIO COURTS, AT THE FEDERAL COURT'S TRIAL AND APPEAL DIVISIONS AND IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA.

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PRACTICE

Arnold provides commercial and litigation counsel in his areas of speciality, with a blue-chip client base consisting of the world's top specie insurers in the areas of jewellery, fine art, antiques, furs, shooting galleries, museums, pawn shops and cash-in-transit.

EDUCATION

Arnold earned his B.A. with distinction at Queen's University between 1980-82, and returned with a Senator Frank Carrell Scholarship to Queen's University between 1982-85, where he earned his LL.B.

CALL TO THE BAR

1987 (Ontario)

ASSOCIATIONS

Law Society of Ontario
The Advocates Society
The Canadian Bar Association (Ontario)

In particular, he is Canada's top liquor-regulatory lawyer and its pre-eminent jewellery, fine art and specie insurance defence litigator.

Mr. Schwisberg was born in Montreal in 1961. He earned his B.A. with distinction at Queen's University between 1980-82, and returned with a Senator Frank Carrell Scholarship to Queen's University between 1982-85, where he earned his LL.B. He has been married for thirty-five years and has two sons, 29 and 27. As a record producer and radio & television broadcaster, Mr. Schwisberg is known as one of the most successful and creative jazz businessmen in the international jazz music community and is one of Canada's top jazz record producers as well as the Founder of Jazz On The Mountain At Whistler, Jazz On The Mountain At Blue and Jazz On The Mountain At Horseshoe.

Between 1987 to 1989, Mr. Schwisberg articulated and practiced law with Lilly McCague Bowman in Toronto. In 1989, he was in-house counsel to Firstcom Marketing Inc., a promotional and advertising agency. After spending two years with Steinberg Greenspoon Olyan in North York, he established his own firm in 1991. In 1999, Schwisberg & Company merged with Goldman Sloan Nash & Haber in Toronto, a firm concentrating in municipal, commercial and corporate work. Mr. Schwisberg then spent two years as in-house counsel to Magnotta Winery Corporation (MGN:TE), bringing the company's ten years of legal proceedings against the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, to a successful conclusion.

In August 2015, he was trial counsel in R. v. Comeau (Free the Beer case), and in December 2017 was co-counsel in the Supreme Court of Canada, for a constitutional challenge about trade barriers affecting the cross-provincial movement of liquor and goods in Canada, which received major media attention domestically and abroad.

Mr. Schwisberg now practices as senior Counsel with the firm of Berkow Young Lev-Farrell Das LLP, with an exclusive and select client base to which he provides commercial and litigation counsel in his areas of speciality, with a blue-chip client base consisting of the world's top specie insurers in the areas of jewellery, fine art, antiques, furs, shooting galleries, museums, pawn shops and cash-in-transit.