

## Adam Varro

Associate

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### Practice Areas

Media & Defamation

Aviation & Transportation

Litigation & Dispute

Resolution

Commercial Litigation

Blockchain and Digital Assets

Adam Varro is an Associate in WeirFoulds' Commercial Litigation Group, practising in the areas of aviation, media and defamation, and asset recovery litigation.

Adam's practice includes acting for air carriers in commercial and liability claims, defending Canadian media organizations in liability and defamation claims, and representing individuals and institutions in asset tracing and recovery matters. Adam brings a pragmatic approach to dispute resolution, tailoring litigation strategy to specific client needs to deliver excellent service.

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Adam was a litigation associate at a full-service Toronto-based law firm, where his practice focused on automotive law, licencing and regulatory disputes. Adam has represented clients before the Superior Court of Justice, Divisional Court, Licence Appeal Tribunal, and Ontario Court of Justice, and assisted clients with licencing applications under the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act and the Cannabis Licence Act.

In the broader legal community, Adam sits as a Director on the Board of the Fair Change Legal Clinic and regularly volunteers with Pro Bono Ontario's Free Legal Advice Hotline. In addition, Adam is the Board Chair of Adam House, a refugee resettlement organization.

#### Called to the Bar

- Ontario (2020)

#### Education

- Osgoode Hall Law School, Juris Doctor, 2019
- University of Toronto, B.A. (High Distinction), 2016

#### Affiliations

- Toronto Lawyer's Association
- The Advocates' Society
- Ontario Bar Association

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### Notable Mandates

- Acted for a large Canadian media organization on a complex anti-SLAPP motion involving

claims of alleged injurious falsehood and conspiracy for hundreds of millions of dollars in relation to a broadcast.

- Responded to a motion seeking to set aside an ex-parte Mareva injunction freezing financial institution accounts and cryptocurrency platform accounts, and preserving property.
- Successfully defended an international airline at trial in response to a passenger liability claim under the Montreal Convention.
- Represented investor clients throughout the implementation of an urgent preservation order protecting against the dissipation of digital assets stored in cold storage wallets and cryptocurrency mining equipment.
- Successfully represented a Cannabis Retail Operator before the Licence Appeal Tribunal in a licence revocation hearing in one of the first reported cases interpreting the Cannabis Licence Act, 2018.
- Regularly consults with international counsel and clients in defending jurisdictional dispute applications and a claim for declaratory relief in the Caribbean.
- Obtained a judgment at the Federal Court in a trademark dispute for a claim of passing off and injunctive relief on behalf of a producer and distributor of whisky-based products.
- Represented a motor vehicle salesperson before the Licence Appeal Tribunal in a licence revocation matter involving allegations of fraud.

## Reported Cases

- *Havok Global Limited & Goldlist v. Registrar under the Alcohol, Cannabis and Gaming Regulation and Public Protection Act, 1996*, 2022 CanLII 16923 (ON LAT)
- *Gibbs v 1207036 Ontario Limited*, 2022 CanLII 26217 (ON SCSM)

## Awards

- Fasken Prize in Torts (May 2017)

## Community Involvement

- Director, Fair Change Community Services Legal Clinic (June 2022 – Present)
- Director and Board Chair, Adam House (June 2018 – Present)
- Pro Bono Ontario – Free Legal Advice Hotline Volunteer Lawyer

## Other Publications

- Co-author, "[Trends from the Trenches](#)", *The Ontario Dealer*, Winter 2023 Edition
- Co-author, "[Ontario's Overhaul of the Towing Industry – Key Changes Taking Place and Ahead](#)", *The Ontario Dealer*, March 2022 Edition
- Co-author, "[Why Applications to a Regulated Industry Are Not as Simple as They Seem](#)", Fogler Rubinoff, December 2021
- Author, "[Registration Refused: How Adjudication in Ontario's Cannabis Licencing Regime is Leaving Store Operator And Manager Hopefuls High And Dry](#)", Fogler Rubinoff, June 2021

## Media Mentions

- <https://www.foglers.com/providing-a-warm-welcome-and-support-to-refugee-claimants-in-our-city-a-profile-on-adam-varro-and-his-volunteer-work-with-adam-house/>

## Publications

- Commercial Litigation Insights: From Banks to Blockchain: Could Exchanges in Receipt of Stolen Digital Assets be Liable as Constructive Trustees?, February 04, 2025
- Commercial Litigation Insights: Revised Airline Liability Limits under Montreal Convention Take Effect on December 28, 2024, December 20, 2024
- Commercial Litigation Insights: Costs in Anti-SLAPP Applications: How much is too much?, February 21, 2024