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Bar Admission: Ontario, 1990 | Alberta, 1995

Areas of Expertise

Tax Disputes

Tax Litigation

Transfer Pricing

Tax

Corporate and Commercial Disputes

As a partner and head of the tax controversy practice at Osler, Al Meghji is widely regarded as Canada's preeminent tax litigation counsel, holding an outstanding record of success in complex tax litigation matters in various courts. Al is supported by Osler's tax group, which is consistently ranked as one of Canada's largest and most sophisticated tax practices.

Al has been lead counsel in many of Canada's most important and high-profile tax cases. He has appeared in the Supreme Court of Canada more frequently than any other Canadian tax litigator and has successfully argued a number of landmark tax cases in that court, including Shell Canada (widely regarded as the leading authority on economic substance and tax avoidance); Canada Trustco (that defined the scope of the Canadian GAAR); and GlaxoSmithKline (the first and only transfer pricing case heard by the Supreme Court of Canada).

More recently, Al is at the forefront of transfer pricing litigation as counsel in several significant transfer pricing cases including General Electric (TCC and FCA), GlaxoSmithKline Inc., (SCC), McKesson Canada Corporation (FCA), and most recently Cameco Corporation (TCC).

Al has been widely recognised as a leading Canadian tax litigation practitioner by third-party and peer review legal ranking directories, including Chambers Canada, Best Lawyers in Canada, Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada and the Tax Directors Handbook. He is the only tax litigator in Canada to receive the coveted "Star Individual" rating by Chambers Global and Chambers Canada. Al was also recognised by Best Lawyers as "Tax Lawyer of the Year" and by Best of the Best 2018: Expert Guides as "One of the World's Top 30 Tax Practitioners".

Al is a CPA, a graduate of Harvard Law School (LLM) and a member of the Bars in Alberta and Ontario.

Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada’s Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Tax Litigation (Star Individual)
- **Chambers Global: The World’s Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Tax Litigation (Star Individual)
 - *“Pre-eminent tax litigator”* Al Meghji is described by market commentators as *“in a class of his own”* and as an *“absolutely great tax dispute lawyer.”* Clients refer to his *“winning track record,”* his *“extensive experience in complex matters”* and his strategic mind.
- **The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:** Recognized in Corporate Tax; Litigation – Corporate Tax
- **Lexpert’s Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada:** Recognized in Corporate Tax; Litigation – Corporate Tax
- **Lexpert Zenith Awards:** Recognized in Litigation – Corporate Tax
- **Best Lawyers in Canada:** Recognized in Tax Law; “Lawyer of the Year”, Tax Law
- **Legal 500:** Recognized as a Leading Lawyer, Tax Law
- **Who’s Who Legal:** Recognized in Thought Leaders – Corporate Tax – Controversy; Corporate Tax – Advisory (International); Controversy; Corporate Tax (Canada); Thought Leaders Global Elite – Corporate Tax
- **Thomson Reuters:** “Stand-out Lawyer”
- **International Tax Review:** Recognized as Americas Tax Dispute Practice Leader of the Year; Americas Tax Litigation & Disputes Practice Leader of the Year; Recognized in Tax Controversy, as a Highly Regarded Lawyer and as a Tax Leader
- **World Tax:** Recognized in Tax Litigation
- **World Transfer Pricing:** Recognized as a Highly Regarded lawyer
- **Bayview Post:** Recognized as one of Toronto’s Top Lawyers for 2021
- **Lexpert Special Edition:** Recognized in Litigation

Credentials

Education

- Harvard Law School, LL.M.
 - Dalhousie Law School, LL.B.
 - University of Alberta, B.Sc.
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Languages

- English



Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Canadian Tax Foundation
- Canadian Petroleum Tax Society
- The Advocates' Society