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Crystal is experienced in complex commercial and civil disputes, including contractual disputes, shareholders and partnership disputes, construction and infrastructure litigation, real estate disputes, professional negligence claims, fraud claims, defamation claims and bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings. She also has experience in employment disputes, class actions and public law. Crystal has appeared before all levels of courts in Ontario.

Prior to joining TGF, Crystal practiced at an international law firm in Ottawa and a litigation-based firm in Toronto. She has built a strong track record of obtaining outstanding results for clients, and is practical and creative. Crystal cares deeply about helping clients reach the best outcome and providing them with effective advice and support through the process.

Outside the court room, Crystal is committed to supporting younger generations of lawyers and law students through mentorship. She is an active mentor with the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers.

Crystal is fluent in Mandarin.

Representative Mandates

- + Counsel to a major real estate developer in successfully dismissing an application regarding an Agreement of Purchase and Sale;
- + Counsel to a large telecommunications company in successfully dismissing an application regarding the exercise of its contractual rights;
- + Counsel to a then Ontario MPP in successfully opposing an anti-SLAPP motion in a defamation action, and obtaining a significant costs award;
- + Counsel to a stockbrokerage firm in successfully opposing certification of a class action regarding trailing commission fees, and successfully opposing an appeal from the decision;
- + Counsel to a commercial party at the Court of Appeal in successfully overturning the Divisional Court's decision regarding a real estate dispute;

- + Counsel to a corporation at the Divisional Court in successfully opposing leave to appeal from dismissal of a certification motion in a class action;
- + Counsel to one of the largest charities in the world in:

- + successfully bringing a motion to strike a bankruptcy application, obtaining elevated costs, and successfully defending the decision on appeal;
- + successfully opposing an injunction seeking to freeze charitable funds and successfully opposing motion for leave to appeal;
- + successfully quashing a motion for leave to appeal from the Superior Court's decision affirming an arbitrator's jurisdiction motion decision;
- + Counsel to a personal injury law firm in successfully obtaining an urgent injunction against former associates; and
- + Advising major professional firms on partnership and employment matters.

Professional Involvement

Crystal is a member of:

- + The Advocates' Society
- + Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers

Education

Bar Admission:

- + Ontario 2019

Education:

- + J.D. (University of Toronto), 2018
- + M.Sc. (McGill University), 2015
- + B.Sc. (Hons.) (McGill University), 2013