

WeirFoulds Partners Benjamin Bathgate and Jessica Stansfield top ranked in *Chambers FinTech Guide* 2026

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WeirFoulds is pleased to announce that Partners Benjamin Bathgate, Chair of the <u>Commercial Litigation Practice Group</u> and Co-Chair of the <u>Blockchain and Digital Assets Practice Group</u>, and Jessica Stansfield have both been ranked in Band 1 of the <u>Crypto-Asset Disputes - Canada</u> category by <u>Chambers FinTech Guide</u> 2026. This is the first year that law firms in the Canadian legal market have been eligible for this category.

Additionally, WeirFoulds has received a firmwide Band 1 ranking in the Crypto-Asset Disputes – Canada category, in recognition of the Blockchain and Digital Assets Practice Group's cutting-edge work. Overall, WeirFoulds is the only Canadian law firm ranked in Band 1 of this category. Our Blockchain and Digital Assets lawyers are at the forefront of new developments and legal precedents in the digital asset and decentralized market in Canada, and have obtained first-of-their-kind rulings on digital assets in Canadian courts.

Each year, the *Chambers FinTech Guide* identifies and differentiates the leading payments, blockchain, cyber security and data protection specialists globally, ranking lawyers and other professionals in the FinTech industry across more than 55 countries. The guide offers an indispensable resource for start-up and scale-up FinTech businesses, incumbent tech and financial services firms, and PE/VC investors in the sector.

Ben focuses on complex, high stakes fraud, digital asset recovery and commercial litigation. He is widely recognized in the crypto industry as the go-to digital asset investigations and recovery lawyer in Canada. He has significant expertise in and regularly advises on matters relating to commercial fraud, injunctions, asset tracing and recovery, internal and government investigations (cross-border and national) and transactional disputes.

Jessica brings a client-focused and practical approach to complex and high stakes litigation. She has significant experience acting for private and public corporations, traditional and decentralized financial institutions, not-for-profit organizations, and individuals in disputes involving asset tracing, civil frauds and conspiracies, shareholder rights, director and officer liability, and breach of fiduciary and other employee duties.

We thank our clients, colleagues and peers, and look forward to continuing our efforts to better serve our clients in Ontario, across Canada and around the world.

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