Transportation and the investment, creation and/or revitalization of any network is essential for the forward movement of the Canadian economy. To be engaged in this space requires a partner with experience and extensive knowledge of not only the transportation sector and its players, but the legal, commercial, operational, regulatory, technical and finance issues that accompany these types of projects.

Since 1907 when our then partner, George F. Shipley K.C. was appointed by the Board of the Railway Commissioners for Canada to examine toll rates across the country, we have partnered with our clients that include governments, government agencies, private sector developers, operators, lenders and P3 investors on projects in Canada for governments, government agencies and private sector entities in the transit and urban mass transit, truck, air, bus, and rail sectors of the transportation industry.

Our litigators represent clients in hearings before the Canadian Transportation Agency and courts. We also defend vehicle and equipment manufacturers and retailers in product liability claims and class actions.

**Areas of Expertise**

- Canadian Transportation Agency hearings
- Certificates of fitness
- Class actions (defence)
Representative Experience

- We have acted for dozens of trucking companies, including two of Canada’s top 10 largest for-hire carriers. We also act for a number of bus companies, including one of Canada’s two largest national bus companies.
- For both our trucking and bus clients, we protect their ability to operate by keeping their CVOR (Commercial Vehicle Operator’s Registration), which is, in effect, their licence to carry on business, in good standing. In addition, bus companies require an operating licence under the Public Vehicles Act.
- We have acted on many of the leading cases involving the trucking and bussing industry before the Licence Appeal Tribunal, Public Vehicles Act, and the Ontario Highway Transport Board.
- Cases in which we have been engaged have shaped the test the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must meet for the Tribunal to uphold a proposed CVOR suspension. Don Hislop Trucking Ltd. v. Registrar of Motor Vehicles (October 28, 2004) and Thistletown Motor Freight (2003) Inc. v. Registrar of Motor Vehicles, O.L.A.T.D. No. 580. We have also argued the leading case on absolute versus strict liability offences and the defence of due diligence in the regulatory context. R. v. Transport Robert (1973) Ltée (2003), 68 O.R. (3d) 51 (C.A.).