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Elliot is a Partner in the firm's Employment Group and the Head of its Sports Law Group. He practices employment law and sports law. He has extensive sports law experience as both a lawyer and an arbitrator. He has acted as counsel for professional and amateur athletes, coaches, national and provincial sports organizations, sports governance organizations, and professional teams, including National Hockey League clubs.

He represents clients in professional and amateur athletic issues, including salary negotiation, endorsement advice and negotiation, and arbitrations involving salary, carding, team selection, Safe Sport/UCCMS and discipline. Elliot is external general counsel to one of the leading Safe Sport, governance and case management companies to Canadian sports organizations.

## **Professional Memberships**

- Certification, Regional Attorney, National Lacrosse League Players' Association
- Member, Sports Lawyers' Association
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## **Representative Work & Decisions**

- Smirnova v. Skate Canada, Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, No. SDRCC 15-0252 (April 22, 2015, P. Brunet)
- Smirnova v. Skate Canada, Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, No. SDRCC 12-0252 (May 1, 2015, C. Qualtrough)
- Lehmann v. Table Tennis Canada, Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, No. SDRCC-18-0355 (April 18, 2018, P. Brunet)
- Durant v. Executive Director of the Greater Toronto Hockey League, GTHL Appeal Committee, Appeal No. 1899 (April, 2020)
- Thomson v. Nordiq Canada, Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, No. SDRCC-21-0488 (March 8, 2021, M. Wilson)
- Diving Plongeon Ontario v. Kathleen Murphy et al, Dive Ontario (intervenor), No. DVON 20-0001 (July 10, 2020, E.P. Saccucci as Sole Arbitrator)
- Nicol v. Swim Natation Canada (2022) (settled, med-arb)
- Mullett v. Executive Director of the Greater Toronto Hockey League, GTHL Appeal Committee, Appeal No. 2349 (January, 2023)
- Pouliquen v. Canadian Fencing Federation, Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, No. 23-0644 (June 22, 2023, J.J. McIntyre)
- Anonymous Complainants v. Head Coach, Hockey Canada Decision No. 22-0055 (August 2, 2023, W. Boyer) (Complainants' counsel).
- Anonymous Complainant v. Assistant Coach, Hockey Canada Decision No. 23-1021 (October 2, 2023, The Hon. Anne M. Mullins)