

When Genuity Capital got smacked in January by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce with a sensational lawsuit accusing it of raiding the bank's staff, the upstart securities firm decided against hiring a top litigator from one of the country's major firms.

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Hodgson Shields

DesBrisay O'Donnell LLP

Founded: 1999

Location: Toronto

Origin: Splinter group from Blake Cassels & Graydon

No. of lawyers: 10 (5 partners, 5 associates)