

## **James Yap – President**

James is a litigator in Toronto specializing in business and human rights. He has published several scholarly articles on the subject, and has spoken at various venues in Canada and around the world, including the University of Toronto, the Université de Montréal, the United Nations, and the House of Lords.

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James holds a Juris Doctor from Osgoode Hall Law School, where he graduated with various class prizes and the Silver Medal, and a Master of Laws from Yale Law School. After completing his JD he clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada for Justice Ian Binnie. James also holds a BSc in Computer Science and Cognitive Science from a university in Montreal presently named in honour of a former slaveholder.