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Lawyer, Journalist & Activist

After graduating from the [University of Toronto Faculty of Law](#) in 1991, Dimitri began his legal career at the Wall Street law firm of [Sullivan & Cromwell](#), first working from the firm's New York offices and then joining the firm's offices in Paris, France.

While working at Sullivan & Cromwell, Dimitri represented large financial institutions, including [Goldman Sachs](#), in connection with major securities offerings. One such offering was the sale to the public of Allstate Insurance Company which was, at the time, the [largest initial public offering of stock in United States history](#).

In 2004, Dimitri joined one of Canada's leading class action law firms, [Siskinds LLP](#). While at Siskinds, Dimitri co-founded and led Canada's largest and most accomplished team of securities class action lawyers. From 2004 to 2016, the Siskinds securities class actions team recovered more than \$450 million for aggrieved investors.

In 2012, Dimitri was named by *Canadian Lawyer Magazine* as one of the [25 most influential lawyers in Canada](#), and in 2013, he was named by *Canadian Business Magazine* as one of the [50 most influential persons](#) in Canadian business. *Canadian Business Magazine* described Dimitri as the "fiercest legal advocate for shareholder rights."

From 2011 to 2013, Dimitri [served](#) on the Ontario Securities Commission's Disclosure Advisory Committee.

In July 2016, Dimitri retired from Siskinds in order to devote himself to journalism, activism and *pro bono* legal work. He has been a correspondent of [The Real News Network](#) and is currently a member of its [Board of Directors](#), along with well-known members of the progressive community, including actor [Danny Glover](#) and film-maker [Robert Lang](#). Dimitri has served on the Boards of numerous other public-interest, not-for-profit corporations, including [The Unity Project for the Relief of Homelessness](#), [Pro Bono Ontario](#), and [Toronto350](#). In 2014, Dimitri [presented](#) Toronto350's fossil fuels divestment petition to the President of the University of Toronto.



In Canada's 2015 federal election, Dimitri ran for the Green Party of Canada in the riding of London West. Subsequently, he served as [Justice Critic](#) in the Shadow Cabinet of the Green Party of Canada and as [Justice Critic](#) in the Shadow Cabinet of the Green Party of Quebec (PVQ). In 2018, he was elected to be a member of the [PVQ's Executive Committee](#). In March 2020, Dimitri announced his candidacy for the leadership of the Green Party of Canada. The leadership contest concluded in October 2020. Dimitri finished in second place out of eight candidates, garnering 45.5% of the votes on the eighth and final ballot.