

Fred Ernst

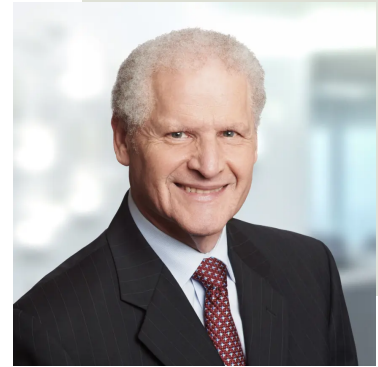
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Executive summary

Fred brings more than 40 years of experience to his practice, advising clients on the negotiation and completion of sophisticated commercial real estate and corporate transactions. His real estate practice includes representing GTA-based developers on the financing, acquisition, and development of commercial properties. He regularly negotiates and drafts complex leasing arrangements for commercial landlords, such as build-to-suit, ground, and long-term commercial leases.

Fred also advises real estate investors on the structuring and reorganization of their holdings, including tax-planned and corporate reorganizations and the disposition of real estate assets. He supports developers and landlords across all aspects of their commercial documentation, including co-ownership, limited partnership, management and development agreements, equity participation arrangements, and joint venture structures.

In addition to his real estate work, Fred maintains a broad corporate and commercial practice. He represents clients in sales, acquisitions, mergers, and private investments involving both asset and share transactions. He also advises businesses on their ongoing commercial needs, including leasing arrangements, credit facilities, employment and management agreements, corporate reorganizations, shareholder agreements, and general governance matters.

Known for his dedicated and efficient work style, Fred is valued for his uncompromising commitment to client service and professionalism. His clients range from family-owned businesses to large international corporations, all of whom rely on his practical insight and steady guidance on complex transactions.

EDUCATION

Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB, 1981
York University, BA, 1977

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1983

Expertise

Commercial Real Estate
Corporate & Commercial

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Insights

Presentations

Lecturer for Investors' Group seminars.

Lecturer at various continuing education seminars on a variety of corporate/commercial topics. Sales From Social Media, Legal Issues, CED Workshop, Toronto, 2011

Memberships and recognition

Professional memberships

- Law Society of Upper Canada
 - Ontario Bar Association
 - York University Alumni Association
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Recognition

- Best Lawyers in Canada 2022-2026 for Real Estate Law

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