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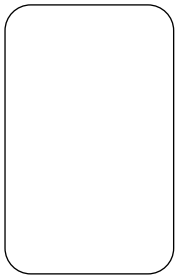

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ARBITRATION

In this chapter, we highlight Canada's 71 market-leading arbitration practitioners. They excel in domestic and cross-border commercial and investor-state arbitration proceedings.

Most Highly Regarded

Henri Alvarez KC
Independent Arbitrator
Vancouver

Pierre Bienvenu, Ad. E.
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J Brian Casey
Bay Street Chambers
Toronto

L Yves Fortier CC KC
Independent Arbitrator
Montreal

Gerald W Ghikas KC
Vancouver Arbitration Chambers
Vancouver

David R Haigh KC
Burnet Duckworth & Palmer LLP
Montréal

William G Horton
William G Horton Corporation
Toronto

Borden Ladner Gervais performs impressively with five listings.

Robert Deane is a distinguished and experienced practitioner who excels in contractual, mining, construction and infrastructure disputes.

Craig Chiasson is an eminent practitioner who is highly sought after by clients in the construction and energy sectors for his top-notch commercial arbitration practice.

Sarah McEachern ranks as one of the go-to practitioners in the market when it comes to disputes arising from the construction, mining, health and energy sectors.

Jeffrey Vallis KC is a clear leader in the field when it comes to construction law and regularly handles disputes arising from large-scale construction and engineering projects.

Hugh Meighen enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market for his wide-ranging experience handling domestic and international arbitrations spanning a variety of sectors.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon sees four outstanding individuals listed.

Joe McArthur is a long-standing fixture in the market who is highly sought after by clients in the mining, infrastructure, utilities and financial services sectors.

Laura Cundari ranks highly among peers as a go-to arbitrator for disputes arising from a range of sectors, including food and beverage, agribusiness, energy and construction.

David Tupper garners plaudits from market sources as "really the top leader in Alberta for energy and construction arbitration".

Michael McCachen is a well-established practitioner who is highlighted by market observers as "very strong for energy arbitration".

Norton Rose Fulbright excels with three listings in this chapter.

Martin Valasek ranks as one of the go-to arbitrators in Canada for investor-state and commercial contract disputes involving diverse sectors, from aerospace to pharmaceuticals.

Alison FitzGerald is a widely respected practitioner whose top-notch arbitration practice encompasses disputes in a diverse range of sectors, including oil and gas, construction and natural resources.

Clarke Hunter KC distinguishes himself as a go-to name in the arbitration space, where he frequently represents clients at all levels of courts in Canada.

Independent arbitrator **L Yves Fortier CC KC** is lauded as "a legend in the field" by peers who note his decades of experience masterfully handling domestic and international arbitral tribunals.

Gerald Ghikas KC with Vancouver Arbitration Chambers earns plaudits as "a first-rate arbitrator for commercial disputes" thanks to his long-standing practice.

Tina Cicchetti "knows international arbitration like the back of her hand" and is highlighted as "a role model for young arbitrators".

William Horton of William G Horton Corporation is heralded as "a truly great arbitrator" who "understands commercial realities very well".

Independent arbitrator **Henri Alvarez KC** enjoys a fantastic reputation as "the top arbitrator in the country" for the full spectrum of commercial matters.

The "fantastic" **J Brian Casey** at Bay Street Chambers "wrote the book on arbitration law in Canada". One source adds: "I can never say enough good things about him."

The "excellent" **Joel Richler** possesses a strong track record as arbitrator in a diverse range of disputes, including those arising from the construction, mining and real estate sectors.

Burnet Duckworth & Palmer's **David Haigh KC** stands out as "a premier international arbitrator" who "has been around for a long time and knows his stuff".

Pierre Bienvenu, Ad. E. is an accomplished arbitrator with decades of experience in domestic and international arbitration spanning the telecoms, transport, energy and construction sectors.

At Woods, **Stephen Drymer** is "an excellent arbitrator" who is "very thoughtful" when it comes to commercial and investment disputes.

John Marshall KC of John J Marshall KC Professional Corporation is a seasoned arbitrator who brings five decades of experience to his respected practice. He is well versed in energy and natural resources disputes.

Independent arbitrator **J William Rowley KC** is singled out by market observers as "a top-notch arbitrator" who is "known around the world" for his long-standing practice.

Duncan Glaholt with Glaholt Bowles maintains "a very strong reputation as arbitrator" thanks to his decades of experience handling complex construction disputes.

Rachel Howie from Dentons sits among the foremost arbitrators in Canada thanks to her outstanding track record in energy, mining and natural resources disputes.

Savoie Laporte's **Myriam Seers** is an accomplished arbitrator who "has done big investor-state cases" and "knows the law and what she's doing".

At Arbitration Place, **John Judge** is singled out as "one of the big names" in the market who is "an excellent advocate" and maintains "a strong practice in Canada and England".

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Jeffrey D Vallis KC
Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Partner and member of BLG's Construction Group, International Trade and Arbitration Group, and International Construction Projects Group. Practice focused on dispute resolution in the construction, engineering, manufacturing and industrial sectors. Has appeared as counsel at all levels of court in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the Supreme Court of Canada. Acts as an arbitrator, primarily in construction matters. Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, the American College of Construction Lawyers, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Member of the Western Canada Commercial Arbitration Society. Former instructor, University of Calgary Law School Trial Advocacy Program. Recognized in *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Canada* for Construction. Recognized in *The Legal 500 Canada* for Dispute Resolution. Canada and Alberta winner of Lexology Client Choice Award (Construction). Recognized as Construction Lawyer of the Year at the 2018 and 2019 Benchmark Canada Awards. Called to the Alberta Bar, Manitoba Bar, and Saskatchewan Bar. Appointed King's Counsel in 2004.

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British Columbia

Craig Chiasson
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Craig Chiasson is a partner in the International Arbitration Group of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP in Vancouver. Between 2006 and 2012, he practised in the International Arbitration Group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in Paris. He has extensive experience in domestic and international arbitration, focusing on commercial and investment arbitration, including as counsel and arbitrator. Craig's arbitration experience includes cases seated around the world and governed by the substantive laws of many jurisdictions. He also has a vast array of industry experience. Craig has been recognized as a leader in commercial arbitration, including by *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Canada* since 2019; by *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* since 2016; by Lexpert® in a number of its publications 2014–2020 for Arbitration; by *Benchmark Canada* as a Litigation Star since 2016 (Arbitration) and a Future Star in British Columbia (Arbitration) 2014–2015; by *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* since 2018; and by Expert Guides as a Rising Star in Commercial Arbitration since 2013. Craig is Martindale-Hubbell as AV preeminent peer review rated.

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Robert J C Deane
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Rob Deane is a partner in BLG's Vancouver office and the National Leader of BLG's Arbitration Group. Rob is recognized nationally and internationally as a leading counsel in commercial litigation, international and domestic commercial arbitration, privacy, and intellectual property litigation, among other areas. As litigation counsel, Rob has litigated complex cases throughout Canada and at all levels of court, in diverse areas such as contractual disputes, arbitration-related litigation including appeals, mining disputes, life sciences and other intellectual property disputes, consumer class actions, sponsorship and advertising disputes, shareholder disputes, securities regulation, information and privacy law, and administrative law. Rob has also appeared in significant arbitration proceedings in North America, Asia, and Europe, under almost all major institutional sets of rules, in a wide array of industry sectors including manufacturing, technology, distribution, pharmaceuticals, energy, mining, and infrastructure, as well as investor-state disputes. After graduating from the University of Victoria as the Law Society of British Columbia Gold Medallist in 1998, Rob served as a law clerk to the Honourable Madam Justice Beverley McLachlin of the Supreme Court of Canada.

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Sarah McEachern
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Sarah McEachern is a partner in the BLG Vancouver office where she is the manager of commercial and construction disputes. She has extensive experience in all aspects of commercial litigation and arbitration disputes. She focuses her practice on helping clients resolve complex disputes in the commercial, construction, mining, health, aviation and energy sectors. She has expertise in both domestic and international disputes. Sarah, an experienced arbitrator, was selected as one of 12 arbitrators to sit on the inaugural roster of Arbitration Place's NextGen Arbitrators. In 2021, the Government of British Columbia appointed Sarah to serve a five-year term as a roster member for BC's Bid Protest Mechanism and Dispute Resolution panels, established under the New West Partnership Trade Agreement and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. Sarah is recognized in *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Commercial Arbitration), the 2020 (and since 2017) edition of Benchmark's 40 & Under Hot List, since 2020 in *Benchmark Canada – The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a Litigation Star, and in the 2019 (and since 2017) editions as a Future Star. She was also recognized as a Future Leader in GAR's *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* 2021 and since 2018, and as a Rising Star in Commercial Arbitration in *Expert Guides* 2017.

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Ryder Gilliland
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Ryder litigation experience spans a wide range of disputes, including complex contractual disputes, construction and infrastructure-related litigation, internal investigations, securities litigation, professional liability, libel litigation, privacy litigation, and commercial arbitration. He has appeared at every level of court in Ontario, as well as the Court of Queen's Bench in New Brunswick, the Federal Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Tax Court of Canada, and the Supreme Court of Canada. He has also appeared before many administrative tribunals including the Competition Tribunal, the Ontario Securities Commission, the Ontario Municipal Board, and the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal.

Ryder has extensive experience in domestic and international arbitration proceedings, both ad hoc arbitrations and under institutional rules including Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Canada (ADR), the International Chamber of Commerce International Court of Arbitration (ICC) and American Arbitration Association's International Centre Dispute Resolution (ICDR). He is a past-President of the Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society and current member of the Arbitration Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He is a member of ICDR's Canadian panel of arbitrators. Ryder holds the Qualified Arbitrator (Q. Arb) designation from the ADR Institute of Canada.

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Duncan W. Glaholt, C.Arb., is the founder and counsel to the leading and nationally recognised construction law firm, Glaholt Bowles LLP. He has been consistently named one of the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada in the field of construction law. Mr Glaholt is certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a specialist in construction law. He is a fellow of both the American and Canadian Colleges of construction lawyers and founding fellow of the International Academy of Construction Lawyers and a Distinguished Fellow of International Academy of Mediators.

Mr Glaholt is author, co-author and editor of several standard reference books on construction law and alternative dispute resolution topics, including the *Halsbury's Laws of Canada's Construction* and Alternative Dispute Resolution titles (LexisNexis, 2008 and 2009; reissues 2021 and 2022), *The Law of ADR in Canada: An Introductory Guide* (third edition, LexisNexis, 2022), *Construction Builders' and Mechanics Liens in Canada* (eighth edition, Carswell, 2020), *Construction Trusts* (1998, Carswell and earlier editions of *Conduct of a Lien Action* (Carswell, 2017) and T*he Annotated Ontario Construction Lien Act* (Carswell). He is an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto.

Mr Glaholt is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has mediated and arbitrated disputes in all sectors of the infrastructure, transportation, and energy markets, including wind, solar, and nuclear generation, new build and retrofit, as well as related mid-project, BOP, insurance, surety and end-of-project issues.

Mr Glaholt has worked to bring adjudication rules and collaborative settlement practices into the Canadian legal mainstream.

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Douglas F Harrison
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Douglas Harrison is an independent arbitrator whose recent appointments have included disputes in the financial services, energy, construction and manufacturing sectors, under the rules of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, ICDR Canada and other institutions. He also acts as a mediator and as counsel in select matters, including designing arbitral procedures, enforcing arbitral awards, and opinion work.

Prior to 2018, Mr. Harrison was a partner with Stikeman Elliott LLP in Toronto conducting a broad corporate-commercial litigation and arbitration practice involving complex cross-border, high-value matters in a range of industries including aerospace, chemicals, financial services, food processing, logistics, media, natural resources and pharmaceuticals. His practice also extended to defamation, environmental law, insurance and product liability.

Mr. Harrison is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the CPR Panels of Distinguished Neutrals, and is on the arbitration rosters of ICDR Canada, ICC Canada, and the International Arbitration Institute, among others. He is the chair of the Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society, the course director of the TCAS Gold Standard Course on Commercial Arbitration, and a co-chair of the University Tribunal of the University of Toronto. He is also a member of the executive of the ICC Canada arbitration committee and of the CanArbWeek organizing committee.

Mr. Harrison has written and spoken widely about arbitration, including recent papers on the enforcement of awards in Canada against states and state-owned enterprises, and on removing arbitrators for incapacity or delay. He is a co-author of *The Law of Product Warnings and Recalls in Canada*, 2nd ed. (LexisNexis Canada, 2019) and has been a sessional instructor at the Faculty of Law at Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario).

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WWL says: *Douglas Harrison is a top name for arbitration who "exudes integrity, independence and sound legal thinking".*

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Partner in the Commercial Litigation Group and Construction Group of BLG's Toronto office, specializing in international disputes, including international commercial, investment, and construction arbitration and international litigation in a range of industry sectors. With over 10 years of dedicated arbitration counsel work, Hugh has advised a range of Canadian and international companies in disputes governed by the arbitration rules of the ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, ICDR, BCICAC and DIAC. Co-authored *Guide to the PCA Arbitration Rules* (Oxford University Press: 2014). Adjunct Professor of international commercial arbitration at Osgoode Hall Law School. Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Who's Who Legal recognized Hugh as a Future Leader in Arbitration 2019–2021 and named him one of ten Most Highly Regarded Partners Under 45 in the Americas in 2021. Education: AB cum laude (Princeton University); BCL/LLB (McGill University). Admitted to Ontario Bar in 2010 and New York Bar in 2011.

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R Bruce Reynolds
Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP

Bruce Reynolds has earned a stellar reputation in the construction industry for settling disputes and drafting and negotiating contracts. Who's Who Legal has recognized him as "one of the foremost construction practitioners in the world," while his clients have praised him for his legal skills, integrity and clarity of insight.

Bruce is Co-Managing Partner and Co-Chair of the firm's International Construction Projects Group. He specializes in the resolution of construction and insurance claims, liens, surety bond claims, product liability issues, and architects' and engineers' errors and omissions issues. In addition, he advises clients on construction projects in Canada, the United States and overseas. In addition to his practice, he also acts as a mediator, arbitrator and facilitator helping to resolve construction industry disputes.

Together with his colleague Sharon Vogel, he played a significant role in helping the Ontario government modernize the province's construction law and helped to shape the Construction Act. Among the changes to the legislation are the creation of a prompt payment regime and the introduction of a mandatory interim binding dispute resolution system. He was also retained as Counsel by the federal government of Canada to assist in the introduction of new legislation on prompt payment and adjudication, co-authoring the independent expert report Building a Federal Framework for Prompt Payment and Adjudication.

He has been certified as a specialist in construction law by the Law Society of Upper Canada. He is a Fellow of both the Canadian and American Colleges of Construction Lawyers, and past Co-Chair of the International Construction Projects Committee of the International Bar Association.

Bruce has been recognized twice as Global Construction Lawyer of the Year by *Who's Who Legal* and as Toronto Construction Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers*. He is listed in *Chambers Global* (Band 1) and *Martindale-Hubbell* (AV), and he is also recognized in the *Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (construction law) and the *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory*.

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Mr. Richler has over 40 years of experience in commercial dispute resolution as a litigation counsel, arbitration counsel, mediation counsel, arbitrator (domestic & international), adjudicator and mediator.

Before establishing his independent arbitration and mediation practice, Mr. Richler was a senior partner in Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP and, for several years, led that firm's Toronto dispute resolution group.

Mr. Richler obtained his Civil and Common Law degrees at McGill Law School in 1977-78 and was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1980. He obtained a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2008 and was, shortly thereafter, designated as a Fellow of that institute. He was a member of the Arbitration Roundtable of Toronto and then a founding director of its successor organization, the Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society. In addition, Mr. Richler is a founding Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, and was, while practising as counsel, a Fellow of Litigation Counsel of America.

Mr. Richler has had over 100 arbitral appointments since 2015. He has sat on many arbitral tribunals as emergency arbitrator, sole arbitrator, chair and party-appointee, including numerous ICC and ICDR appointments. He has acted as party-appointee and tribunal chair in many domestic and international ad hoc arbitrations, as a construction contract adjudicator and as a mediator in many domestic and international cases.

Also, he has been accepted as a member of the Canadian and International rosters of the ICDR, the roster of Arbitration Place, the roster of the VanIAC, and the Roster of Referees for the Ministry of Transportation (Ontario) and the Ontario Roadbuilders Association. He is a member of the International Arbitration Committee of ICC Canada, the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the ADR Institute of Canada (ADRIC). Mr. Richler also is a Director and past Treasurer of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Canada Chapter).

Mr. Richler's subject-matter experience is wide-ranging and includes construction, partnership matters, P3 disputes, commercial real estate and leasing, distribution agreements, shareholder disputes and oppression claims, business valuation, mining and resources, business and property valuation, franchising, condominium, maritime law, utility agreements. At present, he chairs an adjudication committee on one of North America's largest construction projects.

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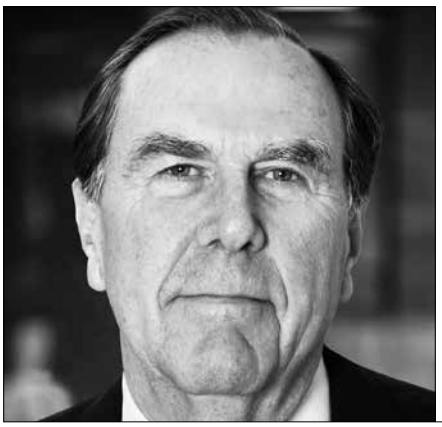

J William Rowley KC

Independent Arbitrator

Bill Rowley was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1970 and subsequently in other jurisdictions. Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1983, he was elected chairman of McMillan in 1996, and chairman emeritus and special counsel on his retirement from the partnership in 2009. He relinquished the latter roles in 2014. In 2002 he joined 20 Essex Street Chambers, one of England's pre-eminent and longest-established sets of chambers practising in the international arbitration field in both commercial and public international law.

He studied at Trinity College School; Carleton University (1961-1965); and the University of Ottawa (1965-1968; LLB magna cum laude and gold medallist), where he was editor-in-chief of the *Ottawa Law Review*. Before joining McMillan he served as a law clerk to the Supreme Court of Canada (the Hon Mr Justice Roland A Ritchie) and special assistant to the director (now commissioner) of the Canadian Competition Bureau.

His practice at the Bar has involved all aspects of international commercial law, including competition, contracts, banking, oil, insurance, corporate governance, and arbitration law and practice. He is co-author (with Donald I Baker) of *Rowley & Baker: International Mergers – the Antitrust Process* (Sweet & Maxwell, 1991-present). He is past chair of the IBA's section on business law; its antitrust and trade committee; and its global forum on competition policy. He served as a non-executive member of the board of directors of the Aviva Group Canada (1996-2014), and is a past member of the board of governors of the International Capital Markets Group and an honorary life member and council member of the IBA.

Mr Rowley is chairman of the editorial board of *Global Arbitration Review* (GAR); general editor of the *GAR Guide to Energy Arbitrations*; and general editor of the *GAR Guide to Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards*. He was also the founding editor of The European Lawyer Reference Series' *Arbitration World* (2004–2012). He is highly recommended as an outstanding practitioner in *Chambers UK*, *Chambers UK Bar*, *Chambers Arbitration*, *Chambers Global*, *GAR*, *The Legal 500* and *WWL*.

Chambers UK describes him as "exceptional", "Olympian" and "a big character on the scene", adding: "No one ever leaves the chambers with a sense of injustice." *Chambers UK Bar* says he is "well respected, with a reputation for style", while *Chambers Global*, which lists him as a "most in-demand arbitrator" in its arbitration (international) chapter, describes him as an "extremely strong" and "superb" arbitrator and a "sensible chairman", who is "very efficient and extremely charming".

WWL places him in its Most Highly Regarded list, and says that he "boasts 'a giant reputation' in the international arbitration space as 'a top arbitrator'" and "possesses vast experience handling both commercial and public international law disputes". The guide also says that he is "regarded as one of the leading arbitrators in the world for international disputes", is "widely acknowledged to be 'as good as it gets', particularly for energy disputes" and "one of the very best in the international market."

He is elsewhere described as a "star performer" (*Legal Business Arbitration Report*), "one of London's 'super arbitrators'" (*GAR*), "one of the elite international arbitrators" (*The New Peacekeepers*), "a 'Star' in the arbitration field" (*GAR Arbitration*), "a top-tier arbitrator" (*The Legal 500*) and "a brilliant arbitrator at the top of his game."

He has chaired or participated as a tribunal member or counsel in over 200 international and national arbitrations. These have involved a variety of national laws and investment treaty systems including those of ICSID, NAFTA, England, many European states, Abu Dhabi, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bermuda, Canada, China, Dubai, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Venezuela and Zambia, as well as New York, Delaware and California. In addition to multiple ICC and LCIA arbitrations, he has conducted cases under other rules such as those of UNCITRAL, the AAA, SCC, SIAC, HKIAC and several domestic regimes.

Recent arbitrations have included petroleum industry joint ventures and shareholder disputes (Iraq oil fields, over US$20 billion; offshore Nigerian oil fields, over US$4 billion; Kuwait oil fields, over US$7 billion); gas pricing and repricing formulae disputes (Belgium, Canada, Italy, Qatar and US); an $18 billion memory chip joint venture dispute (Japan, US); Bermuda Form insurance claims (Bermuda, New York and London); international trademark licensing (Germany, Japan, US and UK); multiple investor and state disputes (ICSID, NAFTA and UNCITRAL); international telecoms licensing (EU, US, India and Bermuda); telecoms joint ventures (Australia, Mauritius, India, UK and US); oil supply contracts (Poland and Russia, Netherlands and Russia, Venezuela and the US, and Hungary and Ukraine); and production-sharing contracts and AMIs for petroleum products (Africa, Australia, Singapore, Indonesia and India).

He served as chairman of the LCIA board of director (2013-2017), and member of the LCIA Court for two terms. He continues to serve on the board of directors of LCIA India.

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John Siwiec is a partner at Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall LLP in Ottawa. His practice focuses on commercial disputes, including in international arbitration and intellectual property. He has acted for clients in relation to complex contractual disputes, including those arising from construction projects, shareholders' agreements, franchise agreements, and the sale of goods and services, as well as in the recognition and enforcement of international arbitration awards and foreign judgments.

John has experience as counsel and arbitrator in institutional arbitrations, including under the ICC, LCIA, ICDR, ADRIC, and ADR Chambers, as well as ad hoc proceedings. He has appeared before all levels of court including the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Federal Court, the Court of Appeal for Ontario, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, and the Quebec Superior Court (Commercial Division).

John is a roster member of NextGen Arbitrators at Arbitration Place and is a member of the AAA Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators.

John has been recognized by Global Arbitration Review as a Future Leader in Who's Who Legal: Arbitration and is a former President of YCAP (Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners). He was an inaugural member of the International Bar Association Arb 40 subcommittee, and a former co-coach of the University of Ottawa Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team.

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WWL says: *John Siwiec is a standout name in the market for construction and corporate/commercial disputes. One source adds: "He is the go-to person for all dispute resolution matters in Canada."*

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ARBITRATION | *Expert Witnesses*

This chapter shines the light on 13 practitioners for their top-notch work providing expert testimony in domestic and cross-border arbitration proceedings.

Most Highly Regarded

Howard Rosen
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Secretariat leads the market with four listings.

Howard Rosen stands out in the market for his global practice and wealth of experience in damages quantification and business valuation.

Julius Koo impresses sources with his "ability to think outside the box" and "diligence in digging into the issues and ensuring preparation for trial".

Eddie Tobis is singled out by peers as "a rock star" in the arbitration arena, described as "smart, proactive and responsive". One source adds: "I highly recommend him."

Chris Milburn is a distinguished figure in the market when it comes to financial investigations, economic damages and business valuations.

KSV Advisory's **Errol Soriano** is a pre-eminent expert witness who impresses sources with his deep expertise in business valuation and financial loss calculation.

From EY, **Neal Mizrahi** is well versed in business valuation and economic loss calculation thanks to nearly 20 years' experience assisting in complex disputes before domestic and international courts.

Lorna Cuthbertson Tardif with HKA distinguishes herself as a go-to expert when it comes to delay analysis, quantum of damages and labour productivity.

Ross Hamilton from Cohen Hamilton Steger & Co receives widespread endorsements as a top name in the market for accounting issues in IP disputes, as well as his experience handling accounting investigations.

Kroll's **A Scott Davidson** is a renowned practitioner with a wealth of experience providing financial advisory services and expert testimony for clients in a range of sectors.

At Alvarez & Marsal, **John Williams** is a renowned expert witness who is highly sought after for his skill in quantifying economic losses, as well as his experience assisting in investigations and insurance claims.

Alberta

John Williams
Alvarez & Marsal

John Williams is a managing director with Alvarez & Marsal's disputes and investigations practice, and leads its Canadian practice.

Mr Williams brings over 25 years of specialised expertise in damages assessments, valuations and expert testimony and forensic accounting.

He has a broad range of experience calculating lost profits and quantifying economic losses and with regulatory matters, corporate investigations and the quantification of insurance claims. Mr Williams has been qualified in the Federal Court of Canada, the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, the Quebec Superior Court, the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench and the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Orange County, Florida as an expert witness in damage quantification and valuation issues and as a forensic accountant. Mr Williams has also testified in front of the Alberta Utilities Commission on cost of service issues, for a disciplinary matter before the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, and in various arbitration proceedings.

Mr Williams has been involved as an expert witness, arbitrator and adviser in matters regarding business interruption and property claims, breaches of contract, tort claims, intellectual property disputes, arbitrations, mediations, post-acquisition disputes and regulatory filings. His experience spans a wide variety of industries including, but not limited to, aviation, oil and gas, energy, manufacturing, insurance, telecom, real estate and transportation.

Mr Williams is a chartered professional accountant, chartered business valuator and has been recognised as a specialist in forensic and investigative accounting by the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada. He is a member of Chartered Professional Accountants Canada, Chartered Professional Accountants Alberta, the Ordre des Comptables Professionnels Agréés du Québec and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators.

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A Scott Davidson
Kroll

A Scott Davidson, HBA, CPA, CBV, is a managing director in the Toronto office and leads the Canadian practice of Duff & Phelps. Mr Davidson has more than 30 years of experience in business valuation, financial advisory services, disputes, investigations and expert testimony.

Mr Davidson has completed numerous valuations of companies involved in many industries for various purposes, including financial litigation support, corporate finance activities, financial reporting and income tax.

He has been retained, qualified as an expert and given evidence on business valuation, loss/damage quantification and other financial issues in matters in various courts, before arbitration panels, regulators and other triers of fact in numerous jurisdictions internationally. He has been retained on numerous matters where the loss quantum has ranged up into the billions of dollars. Those engagements have been pursuant to a wide variety of litigation and dispute matters, including post-acquisition purchase price disputes, IP disputes, dissent and other shareholder disputes, contractual related disputes, product liability, breach of fiduciary duty, securities violations and disputes, D&O and other insurance claims and negligent and fraudulent misrepresentation. Many of those matters have also involved investigative accounting analyses.

He has also acted as arbitrator and has provided financial advisory services in connection with many corporate transactions.

Mr Davidson has written and spoken on many topics relevant to his professional practice.

He is a graduate of the Ivey School of Business, Western University and is a Canadian chartered professional accountant and chartered business valuator.

Scott is also past chair of the board of governors of St Clement's School in Toronto, a leading Canadian independent, university preparatory school for girls.

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Quebec

Lorna Cuthbertson Tardif
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Lorna Cuthbertson Tardif is a registered professional engineer and partner at HKA Global (Canada), Inc. She has over 35 years of experience in expert testimony, claims consultancy, dispute resolution and project advisory services across the construction industry.

Lorna has been retained as an independent expert on more than 200 occasions by owners, contractors, design professionals, and financial institutions. She has given expert witness testimony before courts and arbitration panels across Canada and in the USA on disputes valued up to several hundred million dollars. She has also sat as an arbitrator and has mediated the resolution of construction disputes.

Lorna has a strong focus on effective project controls and has made innovative use of data extraction technology and data analytics in her work. Her expertise lies in delay analysis, analysis of labour productivity and quantification of damages on large, complex construction projects. Lorna has led multi-disciplinary teams on many projects valued at over a billion dollars in the energy, industrial and infrastructure sectors.

Prior to entering the claims resolution business, Lorna held on-site positions for general contractors on large energy and infrastructure projects across Canada and was the project manager on a complex tunnelling project in a major urban area. She founded and managed an independent advisory firm for 25 years, providing project management and construction claims services to both Canadian and international clients.

Lorna holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, a master's in business administration and is a member of the Institute of Mediation and Arbitration – Quebec. She is a frequent speaker on the subjects of delay analysis, productivity analysis, quantification of damages, claims avoidance practices and data management practices. She has published papers and has developed and delivered training programs in both English and French.

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ASSET RECOVERY

Here, we feature the top 12 asset recovery lawyers in Canada who possess a broad range of expertise in fraud investigations, asset freezing and contract enforcement.

Most Highly Regarded

Lincoln Caylor
Bennett Jones
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Matthew R Lindsay KC
Rose LLP
Calgary

Bennett Jones excels with three listings.

Lincoln Caylor is recognised by market commentators as "a top-class litigator" with unmatched skills in international asset-tracing and recovery.

The "highly reliable" **Munaf Mohamed KC** is regarded as "fantastic with investigations" and has an impressive record of acquiring global freezing injunctions.

Jim Patterson has built up a reputation for being "excellent with asset recovery" and possesses extensive experience leading international fraud investigations.

Borden Ladner Gervais sees three practitioners listed.

Denise Bambrough is highly regarded for her more than 25 years of experience in civil fraud investigations and indemnity claims from construction.

Ross McGowan is a go-to subrogation expert for financial institutions with insurance claims on fraud and corruption.

Ira Nishisato is "a very well-respected commercial litigator" with a breadth of experience leading international fraud and asset recovery proceedings.

Matthew Lindsay KC at Rose is a commercial litigator highlighted for his 30 years of experience successfully tracing and recovering assets lost to fraud.

Caroline Abela at WeirFoulds is "a tremendously diligent, efficient and responsive litigator" with an excellent reputation in the asset recovery field.

Mark Evans from Dentons is a globally renowned commercial litigator who specialises in recovering misappropriated assets.

John Longo with Aird & Berlis possesses a strong background as a civil litigator on matters pertaining to contract enforcement, insurance claims and class action.

Christopher Ramsay from Clark Wilson is a top-tier asset recovery lawyer with over 25 years of experience leading global fraud investigations.

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BANKING

Here, we highlight 71 of the leading banking lawyers in Canada who are well versed in a wide range of financial instruments such as bilateral and syndicated debt, structured financing and credit facilities.

Most Highly Regarded

Marie Garneau
Stikeman Elliott
Toronto

Richard Higa
McCarthy Tétrault
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Jon J Homstrom
Fasken
Toronto

Craig Mitchell
Stikeman Elliott
Toronto

Carol D Pennycook
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Toronto

Charles S Reagh
Stewart McKelvey
Halifax

Blake, Cassels & Graydon performs strongly with 10 listings.

Michael McIntosh KC wins praise for his leading work with credit facilities, corporate acquisitions and structured financing.

The "exceptionally smart and pragmatic" **Simon Finch** is "well known in the banking field due to his expertise with project financing".

Warren Nishimura receives plaudits for his key role in the establishment of several cross-border credit facilities.

The "technically sound" **Michael Birch** is recommended for his impressive record working on "numerous successful international finance transactions".

Stikeman Elliott excels with seven listings.

Marie Garneau is regarded as "a great and helpful lawyer" with expertise in a broad range of complex financing transactions, such as structured debt and leveraged buyouts.

Market commentators applaud **Craig Mitchell** for his wealth of experience with debtor-in-possession financings and mezzanine lending.

Daphne MacKenzie features prominently as a go-to lawyer for matters related to project financing and public debt securities.

Meaghan Obee Tower receives ample praise for her extensive experience advising on debt financing and regulatory compliance for financial institutions.

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg earns five listings.

The "extremely practical, technical and deal-oriented" **Carol Pennycook** is distinguished for her first-rate experience with financing.

Joel Scoler wins awards for his "great banking practice" and routinely provides large financial institutions with advice on asset-based lending and subordinate debt structures.

Derek Vesey is lauded as "a great technical lawyer" with extensive experience advising on syndicated credit facilities and public-private infrastructure projects.

Market commentators are thoroughly impressed with **Nicholas Williams**, describing him as "a fabulous lawyer and project financing specialist".

McCarthy Tétrault achieves five listings.

Richard Higa is reputed as "an outstanding banking lawyer" with comprehensive knowledge of securitisation, asset-based lending and syndicated financings.

Gordon Baird is a preeminent lawyer known for his key role in executing cross-border transactions involving power generation, infrastructure and telecommunication systems.

Michel Deschamps ranks highly due to his in-depth expertise in structured finance, international banking transactions and banking regulations.

Stephen Furlan is a favourite among market sources, who cite his "deep involvement with project financing in the energy sector".

Marjolaine Hémond Hotte earns accolades for the outstanding counsel she provides to major financial institutions on matters pertaining to corporate transactions, project financing and lending syndicates.

Justin Lapedus is recognised for his financial services practice focusing on cross-border secured loan transactions.

Torys sees five individuals listed here.

Corporate clients prize **Adam Delean** for the decades of experience he has with leveraged and structured financing.

Amanda Balasubramanian wins ovations for her "stellar representation of government lenders" as well as for her leading expertise with restructuring transactions.

Kevin Fougere is cherished for his strategic advice as well as his deep knowledge of financing in the energy sector.

Tom Zverina has built up a reputation as a go-to lawyer for tax-motivated structured debt transactions and industrial project financing.

Fasken's **Jon Holmstrom** is highly sought after for his strategic advice on cross-border acquisitions, project financing and expertise on derivatives.

Thomas Meagher is a leading private debt specialist with intricate knowledge on the negotiation of complex inter-creditor agreements.

Joyce Bernasek at Osler Hoskin & Harcourt is a top-tier lawyer known for her depth of knowledge on fintech and SaaS secured lending transactions.

Etienne Massicotte is venerated for his 30-plus years of experience with complex infrastructure transactions and syndicated financings.

Market sources consider **David Budd** of Cassels Brock & Blackwell to be "one of the top debt side mining lawyers in the country who is highly sought out for his expertise in project finance".

Charles Rich runs an exceptional banking practice that encompasses complex loan transactions and restructuring of debt.

At Goodmans, **Jean Anderson** earns plaudits for his "excellent asset-based lending practice" and thoroughly impresses market sources with his "top of the game performance in the field".

Celia Rhea is a well-rounded banking specialist, known for her deep experience in M&A and corporate restructuring.

Mandeep Dhaliwal from Lawson Lundell draws praise from market commentators for his top-tier financial advice, with particular expertise in real estate.

Charles Reagh with Stewart McKelvey is reputed as "the dean of law in Nova Scotia" owing to his top-notch understanding of incorporation processes and securities.

The "pragmatic and technically-oriented" **Jeff Rogers** at McMillan excels in asset-based financing and secured lending matters.

British Columbia

Mandeep R Dhaliwal
Lawson Lundell LLP

Mandeep's practice deals mainly with banks and private lenders in both secured and unsecured financing transactions. Mandeep has experience in the preparation and negotiation of loan and security documentation for real estate financing, including construction lending and permanent financing, subordinated debt financing and related intercreditor arrangements, leasing and other asset-based financing structures, hedging, securitization and aircraft finance.

He serves as counsel to insurance companies in providing secured deposit protection contract facilities under the *Real Estate Development and Marketing Act* (B.C.). Mandeep has acted on behalf of borrowers in assisting them with international project financing, with a focus on mining and independent power projects financings.

He is regularly retained by US and Ontario law firms to advise on British Columbia lending, security and opinion matters. Mandeep also represents clients in a variety of commercial and multiple unit residential real estate acquisitions.

Mandeep is recommended for his banking and finance experience by *Best Lawyers in Canada* and *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*. Mandeep has been called to the bar of British Columbia (2002).

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Irv D Laskin
Lawson Lundell LLP

Irv focuses his practice on acting for banks and other lenders and borrowers in secured and unsecured financing and leasing transactions. His clients include financial institutions, merchant banks and other lenders, and a mix of borrowers who are engaged in financing transactions at the local, national and international level.

Irv has been involved in the financing of an extensive range of businesses including aircraft, forest and mining products, farming, merchant banks, hotels, oil and gas products, real estate developments, newspapers, high technology products and operations and national retail chains. These financings often have cross-border components to them and often include syndications and participations with government and other lending institutions acting for the lead or secondary lender. Irv has drafted financing and leasing documents utilized by lenders and lessors in the ordinary course of their businesses. He regularly provides advice to clients on the establishment of their internal lending and borrowing guidelines, regulatory and compliance matters and the structuring of financing transactions and is also often asked by his clients to lecture and give seminars on a range of banking and financing issues.

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WWL says: *Irv Laskin is a key name in the banking market thanks to his long-standing experience advising clients from a range of sectors on financial transactions.*

Michael J Low
Lawson Lundell LLP

Michael has over 20 years experience representing both lenders and borrowers in a wide range of transactions involving debt financing, including operating and term credit facilities provided by banks and other financial institutions (both individually or as part of a syndicate), acquisition financing, including leveraged buyout transactions which frequently involve multiple tiers of secured and unsecured debt, commercial lease financing, asset-based loan facilities and subordinated or mezzanine debt financing.

Michael's experience extends to the financing of a wide variety of businesses across a range of sectors, including many different manufacturing concerns, commercial and residential real estate development, construction, aircraft operations and a variety of service providers. Michael's work frequently involves interprovincial and other multi-jurisdictional financing transactions and he has considerable experience in dealing with the multi-jurisdictional issues arising in such transactions.

Michael was named the *Best Lawyers in Canada* 2022 'Lawyer of the Year' for Banking and Finance Law in Vancouver. He is recommended for his banking and finance experience by *Best Lawyers in Canada* and *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*. Michael has been called to the bar of British Columbia (1991).

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BUSINESS CRIME DEFENCE

This year, we list 24 of the leading white-collar crime defence lawyers in Canada. These attorneys are regarded as go-to experts for all business crime allegations, including those involving corruption, fraud, tax evasion and money laundering.

Most Highly Regarded

Frank Addario	Brian H Greenspan	Scott Hutchison
Addario Law Group	*Greenspan Humphrey Weinstein*	*Henein Hutchison*
Toronto	Toronto	Toronto

Blake, Cassels & Graydon sees three practitioners listed.

The "smart and capable" **Sean Boyle** is highly recommended for his "advanced knowledge of securities commission investigations and defence matters".

Michael Dixon is revered for his "very strong investigation experience" as well as his "advanced knowledge on anti-bribery and anti-corruption".

Mark Morrison is a pre-eminent white-collar crime and investigations lawyer, known for his broad range of experience advising on criminal and regulatory matters.

At Greenspan Humphrey Weinstein, **Brian Greenspan** is "an excellent business crime defence lawyer" with over 40 years of client advocacy in both trial and appellate law.

David Humphrey is among the top criminal defence lawyers in Canada and possesses ample experience with trials, appeals, and professional discipline proceedings.

Henein Hutchison's **Scott Hutchison** is a renowned white-collar crime defence lawyer, known for his persistent advocacy at various levels of Canadian appellate courts.

Marie Henein is famed for the outstanding results she routinely produces for defendants in complex and high-profile criminal prosecutions.

Frank Addario with Addario Law Group impresses market sources with his "wonderful business crime defence practice" and is considered "among the very best in the field".

Scott Fenton at Fenton Smith Barristers is highly regarded for his broad range of experience in white-collar crime defence and has argued numerous cases before the Supreme Court of Canada.

David Martin from Martin + Associates is a go-to lawyer, widely considered to be "the leading white-collar defence attorney in Canada".

Ian Donaldson KC at Donaldson's is a "bright and well-respected" lawyer with broad experience in a variety of criminal defence cases.

Mark Sandler at Cooper Sandler Shime & Bergman is a preeminent criminal defence lawyer, recognised internationally for his role as a white-collar crime investigator.

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CAPITAL MARKETS

This year sees 80 practitioners listed for their top-tier work in the capital markets arena. They bring together a vast range of national and international practices in debt and equity transactions across a variety of sectors.

Most Highly Regarded

Marcus W Archer
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Alyson F Goldman
McCarthy Tétrault LLP
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Vincent A Mercier
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Stikeman Elliott LLP
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Desmond Lee
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Toronto

Patricia L Olasker
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP
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Will Fung
Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
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Jeffrey R Lloyd
Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
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Blake, Cassels & Graydon excels with 15 practitioners performing highly in our research.

Jeffrey Lloyd provides expert counsel on capital markets matters to a wide-ranging clientele across the finance, energy and telecoms industries.

Will Fung is looked upon with enormous favour by peers and clients alike who praise his experience handling corporate finance transactions and public M&A.

Chad Schneider is widely recognised as a leading capital markets practitioner, particularly when working with clients in the oil and gas sector.

Chris Hewat excels in the field thanks to his deep knowledge of capital markets transactions in the technology and fintech arenas.

Michael Gans is well versed in the full gamut of capital markets matters and is particularly renowned for his equity practice in the field.

Ross Bentley draws glowing praise from market sources who describe him as "very active and a leader in the field".

Bob Wooder is a top name in the market with a first-rate practice that draws on deep experience advising clients in the mining sector.

Jeff Glass is a highly skilled expert in the full spectrum of financial matters. Sources praise his excellent work on equity-related capital markets issues.

A total of nine practitioners are listed from Stikeman Elliott for their excellent work in the field.

Joel Binder is internationally endorsed for his expertise in securities and equity matters within capital markets.

Simon Romano stands out for his decades of experience in the field, drawing on a deep knowledge of capital markets in Canada.

Jeffrey Singer is highlighted as a go-to capital markets practitioner who is "seen on many high-profile matters".

Craig Story receives widespread acclaim for his capital markets practice, which sees him advise clients in the energy and infrastructure sectors, among others.

Christopher Nixon ranks prominently for his top-tier practice, working on capital markets transactions within the oil and gas and investment fund sectors.

Goodmans performs strongly with eight practitioners listed in this year's guide.

Neill May is one of the leading names in the Canadian market when it comes to capital markets and securities matters.

Stephen Halperin is commended by market sources as "an established practitioner with a very good reputation".

Jonathan Lampe is an accomplished practitioner with a well-developed capital markets practice that earns him numerous accolades from commentators.

Vincent Mercier of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg wins praise for his expertise in capital markets transactions, impressing peers with his "excellent public company work".

Patricia Olasker is renowned as a leading name in the region and is praised by sources as "an active presence in the market".

Alyson Goldman at McCarthy Tétrault enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market as "a highly knowledgeable and practical lawyer".

Cameron Belsher receives widespread acclaim for his capital markets practice, acting for a diverse range of international clients.

Marcus Archer of Norton Rose Fulbright Canada is a clear leader in the capital markets field, working across a range of debt and equity matters.

Desmond Lee at Osler Hoskin & Harcourt earns widespread endorsements as "a top capital markets practitioner" in the region.

Steven Cohen of Burnet Duckworth & Palmer draws admiration from market commentators as "a vastly experienced practitioner" in capital markets who "really knows what he's doing".

Adam Givertz from Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison ranks among the elite of practitioners in our research for his first-rate capital markets practice.

Christopher Cummings is a well-known name thanks to his excellent advice to clients across a variety of industries, from investment finance to transport.

John Emanoilidis at Torys regularly advises clients on complex issues in the capital markets arena, earning him recognition across an international client base.

Karrin Powys-Lybbe garners plaudits for her impressive practice in capital markets law from a range of domestic and international clients.

John Turner of Fasken is internationally renowned as a leading name in the region when it comes to capital markets transactions in the mining sector.

Jonathan Levin is a long-standing fixture in the market, renowned for his innovative strategies when it comes to capital markets matters.

Brent Kraus at Bennett Jones is greatly appreciated by clients for his ability to make "extremely thoughtful commercial judgements" alongside his knowledge of capital markets law.

William Osler is a top name in the region, recognised for his accomplished practice in capital markets issues for oil and gas clients.

William Jenkins of Dentons is highly recommended for his extensive experience in capital markets transactions and compliance issues.

William Gilliland is an admired practitioner with a market-leading practice covering capital markets matters for energy and infrastructure clients.

Philippe Tardif of Borden Ladner Gervais ranks as one of the go-to lawyers in the field, described as "a technically strong practitioner who is well respected in the market".

William Maslechko at Burnet Duckworth & Palmer draws praise from market sources who commend his "excellent business sense and practical advice".

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CLIMATE CHANGE

In this chapter, WWL highlights 20 of the leading climate change specialists in the Canadian market. These practitioners are known for their outstanding contribution to a variety of environmental and climate-related matters.

Most Highly Regarded

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Gray Taylor at Gray Taylor Law is a seasoned practitioner in the climate change field with "significant experience in emissions trading".

Elisabeth DeMarco of Resilient is "a shining star of the field", known for her extensive work in climate change law. She is singled out as being "by far the most prominent and established climate change lawyer in Canada".

The very well-regarded **Laura Zizzo** has over a decade of experience working with companies and organisations on legal issues related to low-carbon transitions and climate-adaptation.

Anne-Marie Sheahan of Sheahan is praised by her peers as "a phenomenal practitioner and a go-to name for climate change law in Canada".

Tyson Dyck from Torys is a distinguished climate change practitioner with a breadth of experience in various energy, infrastructure and mining cases.

Alan Harvie of Norton Rose Fulbright Canada receives widespread acclaim for his work on regulatory law in issues relating to climate change and energy.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon's **Charles Kazaz** is described by peers as "a fabulous lawyer" who has built up an impressive practice which focuses on climate change, among other related areas.

Brad Gilmour at Bennett Jones is a climate change and regulatory specialist who has worked on a variety of cases across energy, natural resources and aboriginal law.

Thomas McInerney is known as "a standout name" in the sector who is lauded by market commentators for his "very technical approach to transactions".

Alexandria Pike at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg is described by peers as "a leading figure" and "a fabulous lawyer" for her work on climate change and environmental justice issues.

Ontario

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Lisa DeMarco is a Senior Partner and CEO at Resilient LLP, she is recognized as a Canadian and global expert in climate and energy law. She has over 25 years of experience in all aspects of climate change and clean energy. Lisa also assists financial and energy companies and Indigenous business organizations on domestic and overseas renewable power project development, energy storage projects, sustainable and climate finance transactions, carbon capture and storage, climate-related financial disclosure, corporate climate risk, environmental and social governance (ESG), green bonds and sustainable business strategy. Lisa plays an active role for Fortune 500 companies in corporate, ESG, climate change, and transition strategy, target setting and compliance. She also represents several governments and leading energy companies in a wide variety of natural gas, power, pipeline and energy storage matters before the Ontario and National Energy Boards. Lisa is a director of the boards of the Advanced Energy Centre at MaRS, Radicle Inc., the consultation group of the Carney Task force on Scaling Voluntary Carbon Markets and is the Chair of the International Emissions Trading Association. Who's Who Legal (WWL) has recognized Lisa as a "Global Elite Thought Leader" in climate change law. She is ranked by *Chambers Global* as one of the world's leading climate change lawyers and regularly attends the United Nations climate negotiations. She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario (BSc. Hon. – 1990), The University of Toronto (MSc. – 1992), Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (LLB – 1995) and the Vermont Law School (MSEL, summa cum laude – 1995) and is called to the bar in England and Ontario.

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COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

In this chapter, WWL proudly presents the top 84 commercial litigation lawyers in Brazil. They are highly sought after by domestic and international clients across a variety of sectors for their outstanding work on high-value disputes.

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Jonathan Lisus
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Linda M Plumpton
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Kent E Thomson
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP
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Lenczner Slaght stands out with five listings.

Peter Griffin is a seasoned litigator who is well versed in contentious matters at all levels of Canadian courts. He has notable expertise in restructuring and insolvency, class actions and professional liability.

Tom Curry distinguishes himself as a top name in the market for a range of disputes, including class actions, professional liability and business and IP disputes.

Monique Jilesen is an accomplished litigator, acclaimed for her in-depth expertise in high-profile class actions, bankruptcy, contract and shareholder disputes.

Bennett Jones excels with five listings.

Jeffrey Leon LSM is one of the best-known litigators in the Canadian market who is highly sought after for his first-rate practice, which sees him guide clients through complex class actions and business litigation.

Michael Eizenga is a distinguished practitioner who is singled out by peers as "excellent in the class action space".

John Rook KC is recognised as "a very senior and experienced practitioner" with over 40 years of experience in complex litigation before all levels of court.

Torys achieves five listings in this chapter.

Linda Plumpton is lauded by market sources as being "top of the pack" in Canada for commercial and competition litigation.

Sheila Block is prominent lawyer who ranks as one of the go-to names in the market for commercial and securities litigation.

John Terry receives widespread acclaim for his top-notch litigation practice covering a range of issues, from international trade to sensitive disputes involving indigenous communities.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon performs well with seven listings here.

Bradley Berg is highlighted by market sources as "a great advocate" who is "very effective on his feet".

Michael Barrack stands out in the market as "a senior litigator" who regularly acts on high-profile disputes at all levels of domestic courts, as well as in the UK and the US.

David Tupper is a well-regarded litigator who excels across a diverse range of sectors, including construction, securities, and oil and gas.

Catherine Beagan Flood is an accomplished litigator whose first-rate practice spans commercial and regulatory matters, as well as class actions, across a diverse range of sectors.

Osler Hoskin & Harcourt sees seven of its top individuals listed.

Mark Gelowitz is held in high regard as "a top commercial litigator" thanks to his experience handling M&A, real estate and mining disputes.

Laura Fric is an outstanding practitioner who excels in complex commercial litigation, with particular expertise in large-scale class actions.

Eric Préfontaine is a top name in the market, distinguished by his track-record handling class actions. He focuses his practice on consumer protection, product liability and securities matters.

Sonia Bjorkquist is a well-renowned litigator who excels in complex product liability claims with a cross-border element.

McCarthy Tétrault earns an impressive five listings.

R Paul Steep earns accolades as "a top senior counsel" for contractual disputes, securities litigation and class actions.

Sarit Batner stands out in the market as a first-rate practitioner who is sought after for her expertise in high-value commercial disputes.

Dana Peebles is singled out by sources as "a great lawyer" who "does a lot of class action work".

Kent Thomson from Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg is recognised as "a real standout name" in the market for securities, tax and competition litigation.

The "excellent" **Sandra Forbes** distinguishes herself as a go-to litigator thanks to her impeccable knowledge of securities and competition law.

Stikeman Elliott's **Eliot Kolers** has built up an excellent reputation in the market for his litigation know-how, particularly when it comes to competition and securities matters.

Katherine Kay earns plaudits from peers as "one of the best litigators at the bar" with an in-depth knowledge of competition law.

Irwin Nathanson KC of Nathanson Schachter & Thompson is a well-established practitioner whose decades of experience see him adeptly navigate clients through a range of business disputes.

Jonathan Lisus with Lax O'Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb receives widespread endorsements as "a brilliant advocate" who is "one of the top commercial litigators in Toronto".

Matthew Gottlieb is a top-tier litigator who is "very well known in the space" thanks to his impressive track record in high-stakes disputes.

At Stockwoods, **Brian Gover** is a market-leading practitioner whose revered practice encompasses high-value disputes arising from a range of sectors, with notable expertise in competition law.

Paul Le Vay is an accomplished litigator who impresses market sources with his adept handling of commercial, employment and professional negligence disputes.

The "extremely hard-working" **J Kenneth McEwan KC** at McEwan Partners impresses market observers with his experience handling securities and competition-related disputes.

Guy Pratte from Borden Ladner Gervais is praised for his "outstanding counsel" when it comes to complex commercial litigation, including class actions.

Randall Block KC sits among the foremost litigators in the market thanks to his exceptional expertise in energy and oil and gas disputes.

Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein's **Linda Rothstein** is one of the best-known litigators in Canada with a wealth of experience representing clients in complex class actions.

Andrew Nathanson with Fasken enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market for his skilful handling of a wide range of high-stakes commercial disputes.

Geoffrey Cowper KC is lauded as "one of the pre-eminent counsel in British Columbia" who is "a real leader in all aspects of the profession".

Norton Rose Fulbright's **Clarke Hunter KC** ranks highly among peers thanks to his decades of experience working on transactional and contractual disputes.

British Columbia

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Ken McEwan practises corporate commercial, securities and competition litigation at both trial and appellate levels. His class-action representations include 3M, Capital One and Cargill, for whom he successfully acted in the Supreme Court of Canada. He also has a significant arbitration practice and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. His peer review rankings include a band 1 rating in *Chambers Global*, a *Martindale-Hubbell* rating of AV and repeated accolades as *Benchmark's* British Columbia Litigator of the Year (2013–2016 and 2018–2020).

He is the president of the International Society of Barristers; a director of the Advocates' Society, as well as chair of its national standing committee; a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a director of the American College of Trial Lawyers Canadian Foundation; and a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He has been appointed by the Law Society to its committee on relations with the judiciary and was a long-standing member of the Attorney General's rules revisions committee until April 2016. He is the author of the fourth edition of *Sopinka on the Trial of an Action*, and co-author of *Commercial Arbitration in Canada: A Guide to Domestic and International Arbitrations* a nd *A Practitioner's Guide to Commercial Arbitration*.

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Paul is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (and chair of its Canada-US Committee), a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a member of the Commercial Bar Association, ComBAR (U.K.). He is a former Trustee of the Law Foundation of Ontario. He has served as President of the Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario (AJEFO) and is a past director of the Advocates Society. In 2012, he co-chaired a Bench and Bar Committee appointed by the Attorney General of Ontario to report on Access to Justice in French before the Ontario Courts. He regularly speaks and writes in his areas of practice. In 2015, he received the Lincoln Alexander Award from the Law Society of Ontario. In 2018, the AJEFO awarded him its Ordre du Mérite.

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COMMERCIAL MEDIATION

This year's research recognises 39 practitioners in the Canadian market who are seasoned experts in a broad range of complex commercial disputes.

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George W Adams KC
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Cornish Margolis Boyd Mediation & Arbitration
Vancouver

Cliff Hendler
ADR Chambers
Toronto

Dennis O'Connor KC
Arbitration Place
Toronto

Arbitration Place performs well with six listings.

Dennis O'Connor KC stands out in the market as a top-tier mediator whose practice encompasses a range of commercial, financial, contractual and estate disputes.

The "excellent" **J Douglas Cunningham** is a long-standing fixture in the market who excels in construction disputes and class actions.

Stan Fisher KC is a seasoned mediator who has distinguished himself as a go-to name for a broad range of complex commercial disputes.

ADR Chambers achieves five listings here.

Allan J Stitt sits among the foremost mediators in the market thanks to his wealth of experience in complex multi-party disputes.

Andrew Diamond is held in high regard as a "brilliant" mediator with an impressive track record in contractual and insolvency-related disputes.

Paul Iacono KC has built up a first-rate practice that sees him regularly mediate contentious insurance-related matters thanks to his more than 40 years of experience in the industry.

From Hendler Mediation, **Cliff Hendler** is a respected practitioner with decades of experience handling disputes arising from a diverse range of sectors, from banking to healthcare.

Barbara Cornish of Cornish Margolis Boyd Mediation & Arbitration earns praise as "a well-respected mediator" thanks to her 20 years of experience handling construction disputes, particularly those with an insurance claim.

Independent practitioner **George Adams KC** maintains an outstanding dispute resolution practice which sees him highly sought after by clients from a diverse range of sectors.

At William G Horton Corporation, **William Horton** enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market for complex commercial disputes, from pharmaceuticals to construction.

Duncan Glaholt with Glaholt ADR earns numerous commendations as "one of the best" in the market for dispute resolution, particularly when it comes to construction law.

Stanley Naftolin KC CS from Goldman Sloan Nash & Haber is highlighted by sources as one of the best-known mediators for construction disputes in the Canadian market.

Warren Winkler KC at Winkler ADR is a seasoned mediator, well versed in class actions and labour disputes.

At Banack Resolutions, **Larry Banack** is a renowned practitioner who is singled out by peers as "an experienced and respected commercial and sports mediator".

Leslie Dizgun with Brauti Thorning Zibarras ranks highly among peers for his top-notch mediation practice spanning commercial and employment disputes.

Connie Reeve from Reeve Resolutions impresses market observers with her more than 30 years of experience and impeccable knowledge of employment law.

From Vancouver Arbitration Chambers, **Gerald Ghikas KC** is a profoundly experienced practitioner who comes highly recommended for mining, energy, intellectual property and construction matters.

R Bruce Reynolds at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel Bruce Reynolds is one of the best-known mediators in the market who excels in high-value construction disputes.

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Duncan W Glaholt
Glaholt ADR Inc.

Duncan W. Glaholt, C.Arb., is the founder and counsel to the leading and nationally recognised construction law firm, Glaholt Bowles LLP. He has been consistently named one of the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada in the field of construction law. Mr Glaholt is certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a specialist in construction law. He is a fellow of both the American and Canadian Colleges of construction lawyers and founding fellow of the International Academy of Construction Lawyers and a Distinguished Fellow of International Academy of Mediators.

Mr Glaholt is author, co-author and editor of several standard reference books on construction law and alternative dispute resolution topics, including the *Halsbury's Laws of Canada's Construction* and Alternative Dispute Resolution titles (LexisNexis, 2008 and 2009; reissues 2021 and 2022), *The Law of ADR in Canada: An Introductory Guide* (third edition, LexisNexis, 2022), *Construction Builders' and Mechanics Liens in Canada* (eighth edition, Carswell, 2020), *Construction Trusts* (1998, Carswell and earlier editions of *Conduct of a Lien Action* (Carswell, 2017) and *The Annotated Ontario Construction Lien Act* (Carswell). He is an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto.

Mr Glaholt is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has mediated and arbitrated disputes in all sectors of the infrastructure, transportation, and energy markets, including wind, solar, and nuclear generation, new build and retrofit, as well as related mid-project, BOP, insurance, surety, and end-of-project issues.

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WWL says: *Duncan Glaholt earns numerous commendations as "one of the best" in the market for dispute resolution, particularly when it comes to construction law.*

R Bruce Reynolds
Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP

Bruce Reynolds has earned a stellar reputation in the construction industry for settling disputes and drafting and negotiating contracts. *Who's Who Legal* has recognized him as "one of the foremost construction practitioners in the world," while his clients have praised him for his legal skills, integrity and clarity of insight.

Bruce is Co-Managing Partner and Co-Chair of the firm's International Construction Projects Group. He specializes in the resolution of construction and insurance claims, liens, surety bond claims, product liability issues, and architects' and engineers' errors and omissions issues. In addition, he advises clients on construction projects in Canada, the United States and overseas. In addition to his practice, he also acts as a mediator, arbitrator and facilitator helping to resolve construction industry disputes.

Together with his colleague Sharon Vogel, he played a significant role in helping the Ontario government modernize the province's construction law and helped to shape the *Construction Act*. Among the changes to the legislation are the creation of a prompt payment regime and the introduction of a mandatory interim binding dispute resolution system. He was also retained as Counsel by the federal government of Canada to assist in the introduction of new legislation on prompt payment and adjudication, co-authoring the independent expert report *Building a Federal Framework for Prompt Payment and Adjudication*.

He has been certified as a specialist in construction law by the Law Society of Upper Canada. He is a Fellow of both the Canadian and American Colleges of Construction Lawyers, and past Co-Chair of the International Construction Projects Committee of the International Bar Association.

Bruce has been recognized twice as Global Construction Lawyer of the Year by *Who's Who Legal* and as Toronto Construction Lawyer of the *Year by Best Lawyers*. He is listed in *Chambers Global* (Band 1) and *Martindale-Hubbell* (AV), and he is also recognized in the *Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (construction law) and the *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory*.

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Joel Richler
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Mr. Richler has over 40 years of experience in commercial dispute resolution as a litigation counsel, arbitration counsel, mediation counsel, arbitrator (domestic & international), adjudicator and mediator.

Before establishing his independent arbitration and mediation practice, Mr. Richler was a senior partner in Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP and, for several years, led that firm's Toronto dispute resolution group.

Mr. Richler obtained his Civil and Common Law degrees at McGill Law School in 1977-78 and was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1980. He obtained a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2008 and was, shortly thereafter, designated as a Fellow of that institute. He was a member of the Arbitration Roundtable of Toronto and then a founding director of its successor organization, the Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society. In addition, Mr. Richler is a founding Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, and was, while practising as counsel, a Fellow of Litigation Counsel of America.

Mr. Richler has had over 100 arbitral appointments since 2015. He has sat on many arbitral tribunals as emergency arbitrator, sole arbitrator, chair and party-appointee, including numerous ICC and ICDR appointments. He has acted as party-appointee and tribunal chair in many domestic and international *ad hoc* arbitrations, as a construction contract adjudicator and as a mediator in many domestic and international cases. Also, he has been accepted as a member of the Canadian and International rosters of the ICDR, the roster of Arbitration Place, the roster of the VanIAC, and the Roster of Referees for the Ministry of Transportation (Ontario) and the Ontario Roadbuilders Association. He is a member of the International Arbitration Committee of ICC Canada, the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the ADR Institute of Canada (ADRIC). Mr. Richler also is a Director and past Treasurer of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Canada Chapter).

Mr. Richler's subject-matter experience is wide-ranging and includes construction, partnership matters, P3 disputes, commercial real estate and leasing, distribution agreements, shareholder disputes and oppression claims, business valuation, mining and resources, business and property valuation, franchising, condominium, maritime law, utility agreement. At present, he chairs an adjudication committee on one of North America's largest construction projects.

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Katherine L Kay
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Deborah Salzberger
McCarthy Tétrault
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Stikeman Elliot is home to nine extraordinary practitioners this year.

Paul Collins is "an excellent, collaborative adviser" whom commentators hold in high esteem for his work on corporate and commercial competition law.

Market commentators describe **Susan Hutton** as "a very knowledgeable and experienced competition lawyer with an abundance of accolades to her name".

Katherine Kay is a long-standing fixture in the market who is known as "one of the top names in the field" for complex commercial litigation.

Michael Kilby has been involved in multiple high-profile cases and stands out this year for his impressive work on Canadian competition and foreign investment law.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon performs exceptionally with eight individuals listed in this chapter.

Cassandra Brown is lauded by her peers as "a very good competition lawyer who is hardworking and a pleasure to work with".

Brian Facey is a market-leading practitioner with over 25 years' experience advising clients in various regulatory matters related to competition law.

Navin Joneja consistently ranks highly for his work advising on domestic and international joint ventures, mergers and strategic alliances.

Market commentators describe **Robert Kwinter** as "an excellent all-rounder but, in particular, a great competition lawyer".

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg sees eight individuals included for their contribution to the field.

Anita Banicevic is a highly respected figure known for her creative and successful approach to competition law, with a particular focus on mergers and criminal price-fixing investigations.

Sandra Forbes draws wide acclaim for her specialist work on class actions, competition litigation, securities and corporate competition law.

Peers and clients alike hold **John Bodrug** in high regard for his excellence across all aspects of competition law and foreign investment review.

Mark Katz is a top-tier name in Canada, known for his work on M&A, cartel investigations and regulation of foreign investment.

McCarthy Tétrault earns seven listings this year.

The "very proactive, business friendly and experienced" **Oliver Borgers** comes highly recommended by market commentators for his first-rate practice.

Jason Gudofsky is widely lauded as "a top competition solicitor" and "the number one lawyer for mergers in Canada".

Casey Halladay is recommended by peers as "a responsive, reliable and excellent practitioner with a breadth of experience in complex merger analysis".

Donald Houston is a top name for competition law with commentators recommending him for his focus on cartel investigations and prosecutions.

Nikiforos Iatrou is "a leading Canadian competition lawyer" whose clients describe him as "a great all-round solicitor and barrister" with "an extraordinarily deep subject matter expertise".

Deborah Salzberger is praised by peers as "a fantastic competition lawyer who is very proactive and business friendly".

Dominic Thérien is a highly skilled practitioner who advises national and international clients on various aspects of competition law, including cartel and bid-rigging investigations, as well as advertising and marketing practices.

Neil Campbell from McMillan is very well known across Canada as "a leading authority on competition law".

Randal Hughes from Bennett Jones is deemed "a top player in the field" by market commentators who recognise his involvement in a number of high-profile competition law cases.

Fasken's **Anthony Baldanza** is a highly regarded lawyer with a wealth of experience providing advice and representation in complex competition cases across a wide variety of industries.

The "very client-focused and highly pragmatic" **Michelle Lally** is a highly skilled competition lawyer whom peers describe as "a pleasure to work with".

At Torys, **Linda Plumpton** regularly advises clients on competition issues and is widely known as "a top litigator in the space".

Omar Wakil enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market for his deep understanding of competition law and extensive experience across various industries.

Sandy Walker with Dentons Canada is widely recognised as a leading lawyer in the field with a depth of experience across the full spectrum of competition law.

Subrata Bhattacharjee of Borden Ladner Gervais is renowned as a leading figure in complex strategic competition and foreign investment law.

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COMPETITION | *Economists*

This year, we recognise 16 top-tier competition economists for their expert analyses on matters such as abuse of dominance, mergers and price-fixing.

Most Highly Regarded

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Charles River Associates
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Charles River Associates sees four individuals listed this year.

Margaret Sanderson ranks highly for her excellence across a wide variety of competition cases, including class certifications, damages and antitrust.

Ralph Winter is lauded by peers who praise his strong academic contribution to the field and success acting as expert testimony in a variety of regulatory hearings.

Andy Baziliauskas is an accomplished competition economist who regularly advises clients across a wide variety of sectors, including energy, telecommunications and banking.

Frank Mathewson is highly regarded across Canada for his exceptional work on antitrust and merger-related competition matters.

Joshua Gans at Rotman School of Management has built up an impressive competition practice and focuses his work on the economic drivers of innovation and scientific progress.

Thomas Ross of the University of British Columbia - Sauder School of Business is a top name in the field and focuses on industrial organisation, competition policy and regulation.

Ian Cass of The Brattle Group is a seasoned practitioner with over a decade of experience working on complex competition matters across a variety of sectors.

Renée Duplantis is held in high esteem across the sector and is widely recognised as a leading competition economist in Canada.

Zhiqi Chen of Carleton University is an extremely proficient adviser focusing his work on anti-trust economics, business strategy and dynamic trade theory.

Donald McFetridge is a key name who is well known for his extensive contribution to business and competition academia.

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CONSTRUCTION

This year, we highlight 54 practitioners for their work in construction law, from working on project contract and procurement to a variety of dispute resolution methods.

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Duncan W Glaholt
Glaholt Bowles LLP
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Karen Martin KC
Dentons Canada LLP
Vancouver

R Bruce Reynolds
Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP
Toronto

Sharon Vogel
Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP
Toronto

Borden Ladner Gervais excels with six practitioners listed this year.

Jeffrey Vallis KC enjoys a brilliant reputation in the market as "a leading lawyer" when it comes to contentious construction matters.

Richard Shaban receives admiration from market commentators as a "strong construction lawyer" for both contentious and non-contentious matters.

Patricia Morrison ranks prominently for her expertise in construction disputes and project delivery. Sources describe her as "a very experienced and knowledgeable practitioner".

Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel performs highly with five listed practitioners.

Bruce Reynolds is a first-rate arbitrator who excels in construction and insurance disputes, in addition to product liability claims.

Sharon Vogel is a renowned figure in the construction arena, praised by market sources as "a very experienced and client-oriented practitioner".

John Singleton KC impresses peers with his long-standing experience representing construction clients in large, complex disputes.

Duncan Glaholt of Glaholt Bowles is lauded by peers as "a very experienced and well-respected practitioner" in disputes across the construction industry.

Brendan Bowles receives acclaim for his expert construction practice, with sources noting: "Brendan's work on large complex matters is excellent."

Glenn Ackerley at WeirFoulds stands out as an impressive practitioner who is "well known as an excellent specialist in construction law".

Karen Martin KC of Dentons is a highly skilled expert in construction law who draws on a wealth of experience in complex transactions and disputes.

John Logan KC at Jenkins Marzban Logan is a distinguished practitioner who is lauded as a go-to in the market for construction disputes, acting as both counsel and arbitrator.

Howard Wise of Goodmans is a prominent name in the construction market, applauded by market sources for his first-rate litigation in construction disputes.

Matthew Alter at Cassels Brock & Blackwell is highlighted as "an extremely well-respected" practitioner when it comes to construction projects, as well as being an excellent litigator in related disputes.

Brian Samuels KC at Samuels & Co draws on a deep knowledge of engineering to provide exemplary litigation and mediation in construction disputes.

Howard Krupat of DLA Piper is a greatly appreciated lawyer who is lauded for his "level head and clear, practical advice".

Christopher O'Connor KC at O'Connor Dispute Resolution is widely recognised as a leading expert in alternative dispute resolution for a variety of construction disputes.

Olivier Kott at Norton Rose Fulbright wins resounding praise as "one of the leading construction litigators in the market".

Scott Hammel KC at Miller Thomson enjoys a fantastic reputation as a construction practitioner who is "very detailed and focuses on the real issues".

Harvey Kirsh of Kirsh Construction ADR Services stands out as "a well-known construction lawyer" who is renowned for being "active in litigation".

Andrew McLauchlin of McLauchlin & Associates is widely admired as "a strong lawyer", particularly when it comes to alternative dispute resolution methods in the construction industry.

William Kenny KC at Western Arbitration Chambers focuses his top-tier practice on arbitration and mediation in construction disputes, where he is renowned for his skill and expertise.

Phillip Scheibel of Rose impresses market commentators with his litigation and project work, particularly when it comes to construction projects in the oil and gas sector.

Tom O'Neil KC at McInnes Cooper earns numerous endorsements as "a powerhouse" in construction litigation.

Nicolas Gagnon of Lavery de Billy ranks prominently for his accomplished construction expertise and is praised for having "a strong practice in all areas of construction law".

Alberta

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Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Partner and member of BLG's Construction Group, International Trade and Arbitration Group, and International Construction Projects Group. Practice focused on dispute resolution in the construction, engineering, manufacturing, and industrial sectors. Has appeared as counsel at all levels of court in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba and the Supreme Court of Canada. Acts as an arbitrator, primarily in construction matters. Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, the American College of Construction Lawyers, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Member of the Western Canada Commercial Arbitration Society. Former instructor, University of Calgary Law School Trial Advocacy Program. Recognized in *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Canada* for Construction. Recognized in *The Legal 500 Canada* for Dispute Resolution. Canada and Alberta winner of Lexology Client Choice Award (Construction). Recognized as Construction Lawyer of the Year at the 2018 and 2019 *Benchmark Canada* Awards. Called to the Alberta Bar, Manitoba Bar, and Saskatchewan Bar. Appointed King's Counsel in 2004.

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British Columbia

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Steve Berezowskyj is counsel and co-chair of the construction and infrastructure law group at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP. His litigation and dispute resolution practice focuses on insurance defence and construction-related disputes.

Steve regularly defends design professionals, contractors in various construction defect, warranty and general liability claims and provides advice to insurers on coverage. He also advises on procurement, builders' liens and claims for extras and delay.

Steve acts as a fairness adviser and monitor for a range of public procurement projects.

Steve has repeatedly been recognised as a leading lawyer in the areas of construction and professional liability in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

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Stuart is a Partner in the Construction and Infrastructure Practice Group at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP. He has acted as counsel in many high profile and precedent-setting cases.

His highly regarded practice is now focused on the resolution of complex construction, commercial and insurance disputes. He has participated in many mediations as counsel and more recently as mediator. Stuart is an arbitrator and a sole Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB)/Dispute Resolution Board (DRB) member.

His clients include owners, developers, engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) and engineering, procurement, and construction management (EPCM) contractors, design-builders, insurers, construction and project managers, as well as parties involved in public-private partnership (P3) projects.

Stuart has lectured for many organizations on multiple topics involving dispute resolution.

He is a Charter Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers and is recognised as a leading lawyer by various legal publishers and rankings agencies, including *Chambers Partners*, *Lexpert®*, *The Legal 500*, *Who's Who Legal*, and *Benchmark Canada*.

Prior to joining Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP, Stuart was a partner at a national law firm, and before that he was the founding principal and managing director of a leading British Columbia construction, insurance and business law firm.

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John Singleton is a principal legal figure in the country's construction industry, having played key roles in major developments across Western Canada. He founded the firm in Vancouver, in 1982, with a vision of creating a practice that would stand out for its expertise in construction and infrastructure law. Today, Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP serves clients across the country and is recognized internationally for its knowledge and insight.

John has acted as Counsel in precedent-setting cases involving insurance, infrastructure, construction, liability and environmental matters. He also offers extensive experience in complex commercial disputes.

John is an accomplished Mediator and Arbitrator. He earned the chartered arbitrator designation (C.Arb) from the ADR Institute of Canada, and over the past decade has served as fairness advisor on more than 100 infrastructure projects, ranging from design and construction of hospitals and healthcare facilities and hydro electric projects, tunnels and dams.

He is an adjunct Professor of Law at the University of British Columbia and has taught Construction Law at Thompson Rivers University and as a visiting lecturer at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

John regularly earns top rankings from *Lexpert*, *Best Lawyers*, Who's Who Legal, Martindale-Hubbell and others. Benchmark Canada has designated him a "litigation star" and Chambers Canada recently labelled him a "top gun."

Outside of the firm, John maintains a long-term relationship with Arts Umbrella, the not-for-profit arts education centre dedicated to inspiring children and young adults. Over the past 20 years he has served as a member of the organization's board, as President and as Legal Advisor.

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Duncan W. Glaholt, C.Arb., is the founder and counsel to the leading and nationally recognised construction law firm, Glaholt Bowles LLP. He has been consistently named one of the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada in the field of construction law. Mr Glaholt is certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a specialist in construction law. He is a fellow of both the American and Canadian Colleges of construction lawyers and founding fellow of the International Academy of Construction Lawyers and a Distinguished Fellow of International Academy of Mediators.

Mr Glaholt is author, co-author and editor of several standard reference books on construction law and alternative dispute resolution topics, including the *Halsbury's Laws of Canada's Construction and Alternative Dispute Resolution* titles (LexisNexis, 2008 and 2009; reissues 2021 and 2022), *The Law of ADR in Canada: An Introductory Guide* (third edition, LexisNexis, 2022), *Construction Builders' and Mechanics Liens in Canada* (eighth edition, Carswell, 2020), *Construction Trusts* (1998, Carswell and earlier editions of *Conduct of a Lien Action* (Carswell, 2017) and *The Annotated Ontario Construction Lien Act* (Carswell). He is an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto.

Mr Glaholt is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has mediated and arbitrated disputes in all sectors of the infrastructure, transportation, and energy markets, including wind, solar, and nuclear generation, new build and retrofit, as well as related mid-project, BOP, insurance, surety, and end-of-project issues.

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Bruce Reynolds has earned a stellar reputation in the construction industry for settling disputes and drafting and negotiating contracts. Who's Who Legal has recognized him as "one of the foremost construction practitioners in the world," while his clients have praised him for his legal skills, integrity and clarity of insight.

Bruce is a Partner in Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP's Construction and Infrastructure Practice Group and Co-Chair of the firm's International Construction Projects Group. He specializes in the resolution of construction and insurance claims, liens, surety bond claims, product liability issues, and architects' and engineers' errors and omissions issues. In addition, he advises clients on construction projects in Canada, the United States and overseas. In addition to his practice, he also acts as a mediator, arbitrator and facilitator helping to resolve construction industry disputes.

Together with his colleague Sharon Vogel, he has played a significant role in helping the Ontario government modernize the province's construction law and helping to shape the *Construction Act*. Among the changes to the legislation are the creation of a prompt payment framework and the introduction of a mandatory dispute resolution system. He was also retained as Counsel by the federal government to assist in the introduction of new legislation on prompt payment and adjudication. He co-authored the independent expert report *Building a Federal Framework for Prompt Payment and Adjudication*.

He has been certified as a specialist in construction law by the Law Society of Upper Canada. He is a Fellow of both the Canadian and American Colleges of Construction Lawyers, and past Co-Chair of the International Construction Projects Committee of the International Bar Association.

Bruce was recognized as Global Construction Lawyer of the Year by *Who's Who Legal* and Toronto Construction Lawyer of the *Year by Best Lawyers*. He is listed in *Chambers Global* (Band 1) and *Martindale-Hubbell* (AV), and he is also recognized in the *Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (construction law) and the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

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Sharon Vogel has been recognized for her success at settling disputes relating to large-scale infrastructure, industrial and commercial projects. Her professional acknowledgments include being recognized as one of the 25 most influential lawyers in Canada by *Canadian Lawyer*, Canadian construction litigator of the year for two consecutive years and one of Canada's top women in litigation by *Benchmark Litigation*, and Band 1 ranking by *Chambers Global*. She is certified as a specialist in construction law by the Law Society of Ontario and is a fellow of the Canadian and American Colleges of Construction Lawyers and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Sharon is a partner at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP and co-chairs the firm's construction and infrastructure practice group. Her expertise includes negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation of construction disputes, including construction liens, breach of contract, delays, surety bonds, construction insurance, and architects' and engineers' errors and omissions.

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CONSTRUCTION | *Expert Witnesses*

This edition sees nine construction experts recognised for their outstanding work providing expert testimony on construction disputes.

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FTI Consulting
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FTI Consulting excels with three practitioners listed.

Ali Al-Ahmad impresses market commentators with his construction expertise. One source adds: "He explains complex concepts to clients in a clear and concise manner."

Christopher Larkin stands out for his experience acting as an expert witness as well as providing quantum analysis for construction project disputes.

Robert Poole provides top-quality quantum and delay valuations for construction disputes, and is highly valued for his "ability to simplify damages analysis".

Ali Fard of Ankura is highlighted by market sources for his "very strong knowledge basis and industry understanding", rendering him a go-to consultant and testifying witness on construction cases.

Maged Abdelsayed of HKA focuses his expert assessments on a wide variety of construction cases, impressing market sources with his "immaculate drafting" and the "soundness of his conclusions in expert reports".

Jeffery McCain wins admiration for his "superb technical skills and persuasive analysis" when applying his expertise to construction cases.

Scott Davidson at Kroll is a highly respected expert who impresses market sources with his knowledge and testimony of damages in construction cases.

Walied Abdeldayem of Intellect Dispute Experts Advisory receives commendations for his "well-constructed reports" and his use of "a significant quantity of exhibits to substantiate his findings".

Neal Mizrahi at EY Law earns recognition for his expert testimony on economic analysis in construction disputes and has notable experience in post-acquisition disputes.

British Colombia

Ali Fard
Ankura

Ali Fard is a delay & quantum expert and a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with more than 25 years of industry experience. He has been appointed on numerous complex construction disputes to provide expert evidence regarding project delays and disputed changes, as well as the cost issues arising from lost productivity, acceleration, prolongation and disruption.

His expert appointments cover a wide range of industries and iconic projects with values up to $2.8 billion in the Oil & Gas, Power, Infrastructure, Healthcare and Building sectors in Canada and various other jurisdictions.

In addition to expert appointments, Ali has successfully led several dispute-avoidance and dispute-resolution consulting assignments to help contractors, developers, owners, and banks reach a negotiated settlement. Ali is highly experienced in setting contractual and claims management strategies and advises clients in respect of contract solutions, contract risk management, commercial management procedures, and negotiation strategies.

Ali's qualifications include an MBA and an LLM in construction law and arbitration, as well as a BSc and an MSc in mechanical engineering. Ali is also a fellow at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), a member of both the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS) and Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (PQS), and an RICS accredited mediator.

Clients refer to his expert work as "meticulous, objective and well considered" and agree that "Ali Fard is very detail oriented and focused on distilling complex issues into understandable reports". Ali is a frequent speaker and panellist, and delivers training programs at the Osgoode Hall Law School and British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT).

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A Scott Davidson, HBA, CPA, CBV, is a managing director in the Toronto office and leads the Canadian practice of Duff & Phelps. Mr Davidson has more than 30 years of experience in business valuation, financial advisory services, disputes, investigations and expert testimony.

Mr Davidson has completed numerous valuations of companies involved in many industries for various purposes, including financial litigation support, corporate finance activities, financial reporting and income tax.

He has been retained, qualified as an expert and given evidence on business valuation, loss/damage quantification and other financial issues in matters in various courts, before arbitration panels, regulators and other triers of fact in numerous jurisdictions internationally. He has been retained on numerous matters where the loss quantum has ranged up into the billions of dollars. Those engagements have been pursuant to a wide variety of litigation and dispute matters, including post-acquisition purchase price disputes, IP disputes, dissent and other shareholder disputes, contractual related disputes, product liability, breach of fiduciary duty, securities violations and disputes, D&O and other insurance claims and negligent and fraudulent misrepresentation. Many of those matters have also involved investigative accounting analyses.

He has also acted as arbitrator and has provided financial advisory services in connection with many corporate transactions.

Mr Davidson has written and spoken on many topics relevant to his professional practice.

He is a graduate of the Ivey School of Business, Western University and is a Canadian chartered professional accountant and chartered business valuator.

Scott is also past chair of the board of governors of St Clement's School in Toronto, a leading Canadian independent, university preparatory school for girls.

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Jeffery McCain
HKA

Jeff is a Professional Engineer with 30 years of construction industry experience. He has been appointed as an expert witness on several occasions.

Jeff has prepared expert reports for arbitration proceedings and has been retained as an expert in quantum, delay and technical matters regarding a variety of buildings and infrastructure project disputes. He has also been deposed as a witness of fact.

Jeff has held key positions as a construction project engineer, site superintendent, construction cost estimator and construction project manager, working across both North and South America. He is widely experienced in the review of construction projects on behalf of insurance underwriters, assisting with liquidated damages, errors and omissions, force majeure and other types of construction risks.

Jeff specialises in schedule delay analysis, drawing on his background in estimating and project management which affords him an excellent basis for the evaluation of contractor's schedules. He also has extensive experience in loss-of-productivity and cost analysis and is well acquainted with various scheduling programs, including Microsoft Project and Primavera P6. Other areas of speciality include risk assessments for combined-cycle power plants, process plants, mining projects, sports facilities, public assembly and building projects. He is currently acting as the independent engineer for a major mining project.

Jeff holds an undergraduate degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in construction management. He is a member of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, the American Association of Cost Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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Maged Abdelsayed is a professional engineer with 35 years of construction industry experience. He has been appointed as an expert on more than 100 occasions for matters relating to delay, quantum and government contracting.

Maged has been cross-examined in both litigation and arbitration appearing before various courts and panels. He has acted as an expert witness in North America and internationally on disputed projects ranging from transport infrastructure, power generation and utilities to buildings and industrial plants.

Maged has held various project and site management positions for consulting and engineering firms and for major contractors. He has been responsible for project execution, planning, scheduling, cost control as well as claims analysis on industrial, commercial and civil work projects.

Maged specialises in disputes related to project delays, labor productivity losses, the impact of changes on construction work, and damages assessment. He also provides consulting and advisory services including developing and implementing project management plans and audits, reviewing project practices and control systems, assessing costs and schedules, cost recovery, and preparing and defending construction claims.

Maged is a member of Quebec's Order of Engineers (Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec), the American Association of Cost Engineers International, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the American Bar Association. He holds a master's in engineering project management and is a frequent speaker on the subjects of delay analysis, productivity analysis, quantification of damages, claims avoidance practices, and data management practices and has developed and delivered various training programs on these topics.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In this chapter, WWL identifies Canada's 18 leading corporate governance lawyers, recognised for their experience advising corporate boards and executives on a range of governance matters, including management restructuring, shareholder activist issues and proxy contest matters.

Most Highly Regarded

Patricia L Olasker
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg
Toronto

Stikeman Elliott performs well with three practitioners listed.

William Braithwaite is a seasoned practitioner who maintains a top-notch practice encompassing the full gamut of governance matters.

John Leopold is consistently recognised as a leading figure in mergers, acquisitions and corporate governance across Canada.

Simon Romano is a highly regarded practitioner who focuses his work on corporate governance, securities, and public and private M&A.

Goodmans earns three listings this year.

The "highly respected" **Stephen Halperin** enjoys a strong reputation in the corporate governance field for his focus on transactions and securities.

Jonathan Lampe enjoys a stellar reputation as a practitioner who regularly advises clients on a wide variety of issues, including corporate governance, reorganisations and acquisitions.

Dale Lastman is lauded by market commentators who describe him as "an exceptional lawyer" who is very well known in the field for his work on corporate governance as well as sports law.

Patricia Olasker with Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg is a very well-known practitioner in the field of corporate governance, highlighted for her work on complex M&A.

Fasken's **Jonathan Levin** draws praise from peers for his work on a wide variety of issues relating to corporate governance and his academic contribution to the field.

Jeffrey Lloyd at Blake, Cassels & Graydon is a very prominent name in the market who brings a wealth of experience advising across a range of sectors, including mining and real estate.

Chris Hewat is an experienced practitioner with a long history advising clients on issues such as M&A, capital markets and private equity transactions.

Carol Hansell of Hansell is widely respected by peers and known for her exceptional work on transactional issues.

Osler Hoskin & Harcourt's **Emmanuel Pressman** ranks highly for his exceptional work on cases relating to M&A, joint ventures and corporate restructuring.

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CORPORATE IMMIGRATION

This year sees 70 practitioners recommended for their market-leading corporate immigration practice, advising and litigating on immigration issues for clients across a wide range of sectors.

Most Highly Regarded

Barbara Jo Caruso
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Toronto

Henry J Chang
Dentons
Toronto

Seth Dalfen
Gomberg Dalfen SENC
Montreal

Avi Gomberg
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Evan Green
Green and Spiegel
Toronto

Mark Holthe
Holthe Immigration Law
Lethbridge

Gordon H Maynard
Maynard Kischer Stojicevic
Vancouver

At Corporate Immigration Law Firm, three practitioners perform strongly this year.

Barbara Jo Caruso is renowned among market commentators as "a top practitioner in the field" and is valued for her years of experience in immigration matters in Canada.

The "smart and quick" **Sarah Fagan** is widely recommended as "a very proactive and thorough practitioner" in corporate immigration law.

Lainie Appleby is extensively experienced in the full range of corporate immigration work, earning her a "great reputation" in the market.

Maynard Kischer Stojicevic excels with three practitioners listed.

Gordon Maynard is admired in the corporate immigration field as "the number one guy for inadmissible matters".

Aleksandar Stojicevic stands out in the international market as a distinguished practitioner of immigration law, on both contentious and non-contentious issues.

Rudolf Kischer is described as "an inadmissibility master in Canada", with a market-leading practice spanning a range of issues in Canadian immigration law.

At Gomberg Dalfen, three practitioners are recognised for their expertise in the field.

Avi Gomberg is a top name in the field, deeply appreciated among peers and clients alike for his "honest and diligent" immigration practice.

Seth Dalfen earns widespread endorsements as "a bright, analytical and thorough attorney" in a variety of immigration matters.

Geneviève Hénault receives glowing praise as "a highly respected practitioner" in the field who consistently "gives solid advice".

Mark Holthe of Holthe Immigration Law is one of the leading names in the Canadian immigration market. Sources further note that "he advocates for the profession as well as the bar".

Mario Bellissimo at Bellissimo Law Group is described as "a go-to name for large, complex corporate immigration" matters.

EY Law's **Jonathan Leebosh** impresses market commentators with his deep experience in immigration matters and is known for the quality of his "high-volume practice".

Roxanne Israel is described as "a leader in Alberta" when it comes to immigration issues across the corporate market in Canada.

Michael Greene KC of Sherritt Greene is a distinguished practitioner in immigration law. According to market sources, "His knowledge of legal matters and their application to business is incredible."

Ravi Jain from Jain Immigration Law is a key name in the field, receiving glowing endorsements from peers and clients alike.

Betsy Kane at CapelleKane Immigration Lawyers is commended as "an experienced, practical and hard-working lawyer" when it comes to corporate relocation.

Helen Park of Dentons draws praise from market sources as "a really well-rounded and knowledgeable practitioner" in business immigration matters.

Henry Chang is highlighted by peers as "an excellent and very experienced lawyer" in matters involving US and Canadian immigration law.

The "information guru" **Richard Kurland** at Kurland Tobe Immigration Law Firm is a go-to name in the field and is described by sources as "one of the smartest people in Canada".

Chantal Arsenault from Norton Rose Fulbright counsels on business immigration issues for a wide-ranging clientele. She is acclaimed as "a very strong and talented lawyer".

At Larlee Rosenberg, Barristers & Solicitors, **Steven Meurrens** wins praise as "a really good lawyer" who excels in all areas of immigration law, regularly advising clients in the construction and technology sectors.

Meghan Felt of McInnes Cooper stands out in the national marketplace as an immigration lawyer who is "both lovely to deal with and immensely competent".

Marina Sedai at Sedai Law Office is an accomplished practitioner who is recommended as "highly competent, personable and delivers high-quality services to her clients".

Peter Rekai of Rekai is highly commended by peers and clients alike as an immigration practitioner who is "especially strong from a policy perspective".

Kevin Zemp at Zemp Law Group is deeply knowledgeable on Canadian and US immigration law, with sources admiring him as "a force to be reckoned with".

Deanna Okun-Nachoff from McCrea Immigration Law runs a market-leading immigration practice and is a favourite among peers and clients alike. One source adds: "I think very highly of her work."

David Garson of Garson Immigration Law wins approval for his immigration practice, with sources describing him as "well revered in the industry".

Kenneth Zaifman of Zaifman Law is an accomplished lawyer with "a real depth of experience and expertise in corporate immigration".

Chantal Desloges of Desloges Law Group is a greatly respected practitioner who wins acclaim for being "knowledgeable in all aspects of immigration law".

Jean-Philippe Brunet from Galileo Partners Lawyers maintains a well-established practice that stands out in the corporate immigration market for his "attention to the smallest details".

Nicolas Simard-Lafontaine receives praise for his "precision on a range of cases" and is particularly appreciated for his "excellent customer service".

David Chalk of Chalk Immigration impresses market commentators as a well-established practitioner who is "extremely involved in the community".

Andrea Baldwin at Barteaux Labour & Employment Lawyers is held in high esteem as "a really good lawyer" for corporate immigration matters.

Stephen Green of Green and Spiegel is recognised as a deeply experienced practitioner who is "excellent in Canadian immigration matters".

Quebec

Jean-Philippe Brunet
Galileo Partners Lawyers Inc

Jean-Philippe Brunet is one of the few Quebec lawyers to have devoted his entire career exclusively in advising businesses and business professionals on immigration matters.

He has been practicing for more than 25 years in Montreal, first in a leading boutique firm, then as a partner and head of the national business immigration team at an international firm and finally as a founding and managing partner of Galileo Partners since 2016.

For nearly 15 years now, he has been on the most recognized legal charts including *Chambers & Partners*, *Best Lawyers*, *Who's Who Legal*, *Canadian Lexpert Directory*, *Legal 500 Canada*, Lexology Client Choice Award and BTI Client Service All-Star – making him one of the most recognized lawyers in the field of immigration law in Canada.

Furthermore, Jean-Philippe regularly writes on topics related to immigration and international mobility in renowned publications, in addition to being interviewed frequently by various media (newspaper, Web article, radio and television) on hot topics in the field of immigration. He also is a regular speaker on provincial, national and international panels.

Jean-Philippe is also a member of the Ordre des conseillers en ressources humaines et en relations industrielles agréés du Québec since 2001 with the title of Chartered Professionals in Human Resources (CPHR). As CPHR, he was invited on August 14, 2019 to participate to a parliamentary committee in Quebec City on immigration bills.

Jean-Philippe has been a member of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) for over 20 years and has served on its executive since 2004, including as President of the National Section in Immigration and Citizenship Law in 2007. He received the CBA Volunteer Recognition Award in 2018.

Jean-Philippe is also a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and the Canadian Association of Immigration Lawyers (ACAI/CILA).

With his passion for business consulting and immigration law, Jean-Philippe actively continues to have a role in technical cases as well as in cases involving mobility of executives and their family. He also uses his experience and the depth of his knowledge to benefit difficult cases for all Galileo Partners clients. He is responsible for developing and proposing highly personalized approaches to meet the increasingly complex challenges of Galileo's clients, including labour shortage and the retention of international talent. He manages his clients' Canadian and American immigration files so that they can focus on achieving their business objectives. Jean-Philippe also acts as a mentor and senior resource within Galileo Partners' team of professionals.

Jean-Philippe is also proud to have been socially involved in the community for over 20 years by serving on boards of directors and acting as legal advisor to non-profit organizations.

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Nicolas Simard-Lafontaine is one of Galileo's founding partners. Since his admission to the Quebec Bar, he practises exclusively in business immigration representing businesses and entrepreneurs.

Nicolas is directly involved with several of Galileo's business clients in the context of sensitive or complex cases. He works with clients in the fields of civil engineering, construction, manufacturing, and technology. Nicolas systematically uses a long-term strategic approach, which allows him to get involved in large-scale projects. He allows Galileo's clients to easily navigate long-term business projects that include immigration-related components such as the construction of a new plant, the acquisition of a Canadian business by a foreign buyer, the establishment of business activities in Canada, the construction of essential infrastructures or the implementation of internal processes required to manage a growing volume of immigration-related issues.

Nicolas also holds the function of Director of Service Delivery at Galileo. In this function, he brings his business and immigration experience to Galileo's teams allowing them to deploy customized immigration-related solutions for Galileo's clients. He also leads Galileo's strategic business vision.

Nicolas is also involved in the legal community by sitting on the Canadian Immigration Lawyer's Association (CILA) and on the executive committee of the Quebec division of the immigration and citizenship section of the Canadian Bar Association. As part of these committees, he frequently comments on government policies by contributing to the drafting of letters to relevant ministries, publishing articles, and participating in various meetings with ministries and government agencies involved in the immigration system.

Nicolas holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.A.A.) from HEC Montréal and a Bachelor of Civil Law (L.L.B.) from the Université de Sherbrooke.

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CORPORATE TAX

In this chapter, we recognise 83 practitioners for their outstanding work on contentious and non-contentious corporate tax matters.

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Jeffrey Trossman
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John G Lorito
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Jerald Wortsman
Torys
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Patrick Marley
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt
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Carrie Smit
Goodmans
Toronto

Osler Hoskin & Harcourt sees 12 individuals listed in this chapter.

Commentators praise **Firoz Ahmed** for his impressive contribution to the field, where he is known as a market-leading lawyer with "superb analytical skills".

Patrick Marley comes highly recommended for his exceptional track-record working across various aspects of corporate tax, including tax planning, acquisitions and reorganisations.

Market commentators describe **Al Meghji** as "the number one tax litigator in Canada" for his outstanding success in complex tax litigation matters.

Mark Brender is highly praised by market commentators for his work advising on business transactions and critical tax disputes.

Robert Raizenne excels in the market due to his deep understanding of complex corporate tax policy and law.

Edward Rowe is known by many as "an extremely analytical practitioner" who focuses his work on corporate and international tax planning.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon sees six practitioners listed for their outstanding performance.

The very well-known **Jeffrey Trossman** ranks highly among peers for his market-leading work on complex tax disputes and audits.

Chris Van Loan performs well this year thanks to his outstanding work on corporate taxation law and his work on both domestic and cross-border transactions and financings.

Kathleen Penny comes highly recommended for her in-depth knowledge of and experience in domestic, international and cross-border corporate taxation.

Paul Stepak is a very impressive practitioner who practices primarily in corporate and partnership income taxation in domestic and cross-border cases.

Scott Wilkie has over three decades of experience working on international corporate tax planning, transfer pricing and tax treaty issues.

Goodmans performs well with four practitioners listed this year.

Carrie Smit is a top name, recommended for her transactional work that incorporates all aspects of income taxation, such as cross-border mergers and corporate reorganisations.

Jon Northup is a market-leading lawyer who focuses his work on corporate finance affairs, M&A and structuring cross-border transactions.

The "phenomenal" **Mitchell Sherman** works across all aspects of income taxation arising in corporate and commercial transactions.

McCarthy Tétrault performs well with six individuals listed.

Douglas Cannon is very well known amongst peers for his exceptional work handling tax controversies and M&A transactions and divestitures.

The very highly regarded **Raj Juneja** is a favourite among market commentators for his technical prowess and business-oriented approach to complex transactions and tax disputes.

Gabrielle Richards is a market-leader in issues relating to corporate reorganisation and M&A transactions.

Jerald Wortsman at Torys operates across the full range of corporate tax planning matters and is very well known across the sector for his impressive work.

Corrado Cardarelli is a seasoned practitioner with a wealth of experience advising on many high-profile corporate taxation cases.

John Lorito from Stikeman Elliott possesses a strong track-record handling complex taxation disputes in corporate and commercial transactions.

Dean Kraus ranks prominently for his income taxation practice, receiving widespread endorsements for his work on domestic and cross-border corporate transactions.

Angelo Nikolakakis at EY Law is well known for his outstanding work on transfer pricing law as well as corporate taxation more generally.

Stephen Bowman from Bennett Jones is highly recommended for his expertise in cross-border corporate tax matters and breadth of experience in the sector.

Darcy Moch is described by peers as "a very bright and analytical lawyer" who earns praise for his expertise in private equity matters.

Ian Crosbie from Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg is held in high esteem for his superb technical skills and his experience on a variety of domestic and cross-border tax issues.

Elie Roth is consistently praised by market commentators who describe him as "a pleasure to work with" and "a very technically proficient corporate tax lawyer".

At Thorsteinssons, **Ian Gamble** is a highly regarded practitioner with an impeccable practice supported by 30 years of corporate taxation experience across various sectors, including mining, forestry, telecommunications and real estate.

Dion Legge of Norton Rose Fulbright ranks highly among peers thanks to his focus on corporate taxation aspects of reorganisations, M&A and takeovers.

Randy Morphy of Borden Ladner Gervais maintains a stellar reputation for his exceptional work focusing on resource taxation, international taxation and public company transactions.

Steve Suarez is described by peers as "a really smart and thoughtful practitioner" who is praised by market commentators for his "super analytical skills".

Alberta

Nancy Diep
Lawson Lundell LLP

Nancy Diep is a partner in the Calgary office of Lawson Lundell. Nancy's practice focuses primarily on the tax aspects of mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations, including cross-border transactions or financings and intragroup restructurings. She is particularly experienced in the area of resource taxation.

Nancy has worked on a wide variety of transactions for multinationals, private companies, senior, intermediate and junior resource issuers and private equity groups.

Nancy is a member of the Canadian Tax Foundation and the Canadian Petroleum Tax Society. She is called to the bar of Alberta (2001). Nancy is recommended for her tax experience by the *International Tax Review*, the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* and *Best Lawyers in Canada*.

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WWL says: *Nancy Diep ranks highly among peers thanks to her top-notch advice on the tax aspects of mergers, acquisitions and reorganisations.*

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Jack Bernstein
Aird & Berlis LLP

Jack Bernstein is one of Canada's preeminent tax lawyers. He is well known in international tax planning, mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, reorganizations and financing. Jack advises public and private corporations as well as hedge funds, venture capital funds and real estate funds. He also has extensive expertise in cross-border estate planning and frequently advises international clients on doing business in Canada.

Jack is a prolific writer and speaker and is internationally recognized for providing excellent service and delivering practical and innovative advice that his clients trust. He has been described as "the leading Canadian tax adviser" with an "unparalleled profile" in the market and has been ranked among the top 10 recommended tax lawyers in the world.

An authority on multijurisdictional matters, Jack regularly contributes to leading international tax publications, including *Taxation of Crypto Assets* published by Wolters Kluwer and *Tax Notes International*. He has been actively involved at a senior level in several international and Canadian tax organizations, including as Governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation, Chair of the American Bar Association Foreign Lawyers Forum, Global Co-Chair of the International Bar Association Taxation Committee and the council of the Canadian branch of the International Fiscal Association.

Jack has received many accolades over the years, including the 2020 Ontario Bar Association Award for Excellence in Taxation Law, as well as recognition in legal directories such as *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Chambers Canada, Chambers HNW: The World's Leading High Net Worth Advisers*, *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, *Legal 500 Canada* and *The Best Lawyers in Canada*.

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WWL says: *Market commentators commend Jack Bernstein for his "impressive and extensive expertise in domestic and international taxes".*

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CORPORATE TAX | *Experts*

In this chapter, we identify six of Canada's leading corporate tax experts who stand out for their exceptional performance in contentious and non-contentious proceedings.

Most Highly Regarded

Brian Arnold
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Market commentators hold **Brian Arnold** of the University of Waterloo in high regard as "a top academic lawyer in international taxation", whom market commentators say "is always on the list for expert reports".

Jack Mintz at the University of Calgary draws praise from peers for his strong contribution to the field of corporate tax academia.

With over 15 years' experience collaborating with clients on corporate tax affairs across various industries, **Dennis Leung** of Grant Thornton UK is a well-established and highly respected figure in Canada.

Richard Wise at Wise Global Advisors is a favourite among clients who praise his highly technical approach to corporate tax affairs and his breadth of experience representing major national and multinational policyholders.

Howard Johnson at Kroll has over 20 years' experience working on a range of corporate tax issues. He is well known for his outstanding work on corporate financing and valuations.

Daniel Thornton of the Queen's School of Business is a market-leading practitioner whom sources single out as "a well-known accountant with a deep understanding of taxation, especially in respect to private corporations".

Ontario

Howard E Johnson
Kroll

Howard is a managing director at Kroll Canada Limited in Toronto. For over 25 years, he has advised business owners and executives on acquisitions, divestitures, financing and shareholder value matters. Howard frequently serves as an expert witness on complex valuation matters before the courts, including some of the leading income tax cases in Canada. Howard's success as a credible expert witness can often be attributed to his extensive work in open market transactions, which helps bring a "real-world" perspective to what can otherwise be an academic exercise in business valuation.

Howard is the author of several leading texts on the subjects of corporate finance and valuation published by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, including *Business Valuation in Canada* (2021). He is also the co-author of *Understanding Business Valuation Reports: A Guide for Legal Professionals* (Thomson-Reuters, 2021).

Howard holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Concordia University (Governor General's Award, 1988), a Graduate Diploma in Public Accountancy from McGill University (Kenneth F. Byrd Prize, 1989), a Master of Business Administration from McMaster University (D.M. Heddon Gold Medal, 1992) and a Doctorate in Business Administration from the W. Edwards Deming School of Business at William Howard Taft University. Howard is a Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators. He also holds the designations of Certified Public Accountant (Illinois), Chartered Financial Analyst, Accredited Senior Appraiser and Chartered Director.

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DATA

This edition highlights 53 practitioners who excel in the data law area, displaying detailed knowledge in areas including data privacy, outsourcing and dispute resolution in the tech industry.

Most Highly Regarded

Grant Buchanan *McCarthy Tétrault LLP* Toronto	David B Elder *Stikeman Elliott* Ottawa	Donald B Johnston *Aird & Berlis LLP* Toronto
Lisa R. Lifshitz *Torkin Manes LLP* Toronto	Charles S Morgan *McCarthy Tétrault LLP* Montreal	Peter Ruby *Goodmans LLP* Toronto

With five listed practitioners, McCarthy Tétrault excels in our research.

Grant Buchanan is a key name thanks to his deep knowledge spanning a wide array of data law matters, and is particularly recognised for his work in tech-related financing and procurement.

Charles Morgan is widely recommended among market commentators who note that he is "very experienced and does a lot of work on AI and data law".

Barry Sookman is recognised as a seasoned practitioner in the data law area, with particular expertise in e-commerce matters.

Borden Ladner Gervais displays a strong performance with five practitioners listed in this year's guide.

Éloïse Gratton is internationally renowned as a leading name in the region for data privacy law, with sources noting: "She stands out as having global breadth."

Bradley Freedman stands out as a top-tier litigator on cases involving cybersecurity and data law. One source adds: "He is the person I would go to for help."

Eric Boehm is skilled in data-related matters, including fintech and e-commerce transactions, with sources describing him as "particularly good at outsourcing agreements".

Donald Johnston of Aird & Berlis is deemed "a seasoned practitioner with excellent people skills" by sources impressed with his advice on data transactions.

Peter Ruby of Goodmans is internationally renowned as a leading name in the region when it comes to dispute resolution for data issues.

Lisa Lifshitz at Torkin Manes enjoys a fantastic reputation in the data market, with sources praising not only her depth of knowledge but her "thoughtful approach that facilitates difficult discussions and optimal outcomes".

Stikeman Elliott's **David Elder** is an accomplished data lawyer who is a renowned authority on anti-spam legislation and privacy compliance.

Alex Cameron of Fasken is highly recommended for his deep expertise in data privacy issues as well as general compliance in IT matters.

John Beardwood ranks among the very elite of practitioners in our research for his first-rate IT law practice, with sources appreciating his knowledge of transactional matters.

The "thoroughly knowledgeable" **David Fraser** at McInnes Cooper is widely admired as a practitioner who "always provides timely and practical advice".

Mark Hayes from Hayes eLaw is a clear leader in the data law area, particularly when it comes to IT-related private matters.

Amy-Lynne Williams from Deeth Williams Wall is an IT law specialist who wins accolades for her market-leading practice in a range of complex data matters.

Richard Austin is a top name in the field, working across the full gamut of data law matters from artificial intelligence to regulatory compliance.

Marie-Hélène Constantin from Blake, Cassels & Graydon excels on the national stage for her exceptional practice in data privacy and IT-related transactional work.

Robert Percival is extensively experienced in managing cases on a wide variety of data matters, including cloud computing, IT licensing and fintech.

Timothy Banks of nNovation is held in high esteem among market commentators who praise him as "truly an expert in data privacy law".

Adam Kardash at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt is deemed "a leader in the field" of data privacy law, advising on high-profile data security issues.

Wendy Gross is a data law specialist who stands out for her top-tier work on transactional matters, including tech outsourcing and e-commerce.

Michel Solis at Solis Juritech is a favourite among peers and clients alike who praise his "practical approach" to issues in the tech start-up sector.

David Canton from Harrison Pensa is considered a top name in Canadian data law by commentators who praise his "high level of knowledge and ability".

The "whip-smart" **David Ma** at Blaney McMurtry is an accomplished data lawyer with a leading practice in technology transactions, cryptocurrency and licensing.

James Kosa of WeirFoulds impresses market commentators with his expertise in a broad array of data issues, including data privacy and dispute resolution.

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This year, we list 27 practitioners who excel in e-discovery matters, working on a range of contentious and non-contentious issues in this technical area of the law.

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Blake, Cassels & Graydon	*Lenczner Slaght*	*MT>3 (McCarthy Tétrault)*
Toronto	Toronto	Toronto

Sarah Millar of Lenczner Slaght is identified as "a very strong practitioner who has long been recognised as a leader in this space".

Anne Glover at Blake, Cassels & Graydon advises on complex e-discovery cases involving a high level of technical knowledge, making her "a highly sought-after practitioner in the region".

Susan Wortzman from MT>3 (McCarthy Tétrault) acts across the full remit of contentious and advisory e-discovery issues and is highlighted by sources as an exceptional practitioner in the field.

Maura Grossman of the University of Waterloo wins widespread recognition as "a trailblazer" in the field across Canada and the US. One source describes her as "a guru in the e-discovery space".

Kathryn Manning at DMG Advocates is a top litigator whose expertise in e-discovery renders her a go-to name for disputes in the field.

Christopher Walker at KPMG is hailed as "a leader in digital forensics and a key name in the Canadian data law industry".

Rachael Chadwick of Cassels Brock & Blackwell earns glowing endorsements as "an articulate, knowledgeable and well-respected practitioner who is committed to educating others about e-discovery".

Marlon Hylton is praised for his "business-orientated approach" when litigating on complex and sophisticated technology matters.

Gregory Sullivan at Deloitte is widely held to be a top name in e-discovery law in the region, working on cases that require an intricate knowledge of the area.

Kelly Friedman of Borden Ladner Gervais is described as "a key and influential leader in Canada" by commentators impressed by her litigation on e-discovery matters.

Martin Felsky at Heuristica Discovery Counsel has long been a fixture in the Canadian market for e-discovery law, with sources attesting to his continued excellence in the field.

David Outerbridge from Torys is extensively experienced when it comes to litigation on e-discovery matters for a wide-ranging clientele.

Duncan Fraser at noticia is an accomplished litigator with a well-developed practice in the area of e-discovery disputes and strategic advice.

Gretel Best from Gowling receives praise as "a seasoned e-discovery expert and a leader in Canada", working on large and complex litigation in the area.

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ENERGY

This year's research shines the spotlight on 89 leading practitioners who come highly recommended for their expertise across the energy sector. They are meticulously selected for their excellence in assisting clients across transactions, advising them on regulations and representing them in disputes.

Most Highly Regarded

George A Antonopoulos
Dentons Canada LLP
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Janice Buckingham
Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP
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Valerie Helbronner
Torys LLP
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Patrick T Maguire
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Alicia K Quesnel
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Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
Calgary

Robin Sirett
McCarthy Tétrault LLP
Vancouver

Vivek T A Warrier
Bennett Jones LLP
Calgary

Norton Rose Fulbright performs impressively, with 10 practitioners listed.

Clarke Hunter KC comes widely recommended as "a very smart" individual with "excellent judgement".

Wayne Fedun is heralded as "a very well-respected lawyer" in the field of oil and gas.

Thomas Valentine holds over 30 years of experience advising clients across all aspects of domestic and international oil and gas matters.

Kirk Litvenenko is a well-respected figure in the Canadian market thanks to his "commercially minded, client friendly and collaborative" approach to matters.

KayLynn Litton is recognised among peers for her extensive experience in transactional and advisory work for clients across the energy sector.

Osler Hoskin & Harcourt excels with 10 listings in this chapter.

Janice Buckingham is hailed by market sources as "a fantastic practitioner" who "knows her stuff" and "performs outstandingly" in oil- and gas-related matters.

Simon Baines is an established name in the market, specialising in complex commercial matters related to the energy industry.

Shawn Denstedt KC is a key player in the field of natural resources who is well known for his top-tier regulatory work.

Maureen Killoran KC draws widespread plaudits from market commentators who laud her as "a go-to for litigation".

Bennett Jones sees nine outstanding individuals listed.

Patrick Maguire is acclaimed as "one of the best" and "an extremely bright individual" who "knows the finance and securities side of oil and gas better than anybody else".

Vivek Warrier is "one of the most practical lawyers going" according to peers, who highlight his strengths in "getting the deal done at the same time as protecting his clients' needs".

Jason Roth comes lauded as an excellent practitioner who represents developers and contractors in relation to power, renewables and natural gas processing projects.

Brad Gilmour is highlighted in the market for his top-notch regulatory practice and his regular activity advising on pipeline access.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon is home to eight practitioners listed here.

Ben Rogers is "a leader in the field" with longstanding experience advising energy companies on the full gamut of commercial matters both domestically and internationally.

Mungo Hardwicke-Brown is a key figure in the natural resources and infrastructure industries with vast experience advising across major energy infrastructure project development.

Randall Block KC is a regular in court and public review hearings who skilfully represents clients in energy-related litigation.

Peter Keohane is a distinguished practitioner with an impressive corporate practice focusing on the power, oil and gas sectors.

Torys stands out with eight practitioners highlighted.

Valerie Helbronner enjoys a fantastic reputation among peers for her focused practice in the development and financing of renewable energy projects across Canada.

Chris Christopher is a regular adviser to oil and gas companies seeking guidance through complex commercial projects and transactions.

Derek Flaman is lauded for his "strong technical skills", which he draws upon to skilfully advise clients in the energy and infrastructure industries across their transactions.

Lou Cusano KC impresses peers with his significant experience as a litigator who expertly represents clients in the electricity and oil and gas sectors.

George Antonopoulos of Dentons Canada is "a leading figure in the oil and gas sector" who is "very well respected" for his top-tier practice.

Alicia Quesnel at Burnet Duckworth & Palmer is "top notch" according to market commentators who highlight her adept practice tackling "extremely complex oil and gas matters".

Robin Sirett with McCarthy Tétrault is "extremely well-known" in the Canadian market, owing in particular to his excellent regulatory expertise.

Enjoying over 40 years of experience, **Chrysten Perry KC** at Stikeman Elliott is "one of the best in Calgary" as someone who "has seen every major energy transaction". She is further revered for her "breadth and depth of knowledge in oil and gas".

Keith Bergner at Lawson Lundell is highlighted as "a well-regarded lawyer" with particular expertise in indigenous law and regulatory matters across the public and private sectors.

Randall Block KC with Borden Ladner Gervais is singled out by peers as a go-to in the energy and oil and gas industries, sought after for his celebrated dispute resolution services.

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Paul advises clients on the drafting and negotiating of agreements for the acquisition and divestiture (A&D) of oil and gas assets and the drafting and negotiating of joint venture, partnership and joint operating agreements pertaining to the energy industry.

Paul also assists clients in due diligence and title opinion preparation in A&D transactions and with respect to custom and complex freehold land matters and the legal consequences of asset retirement obligations (ARO). He provides advice relating to day to day disputes and issues with joint venture participants, royalty owners and fee simple owners of oil and gas properties and ARO disputes. In A&D, he helps clients understand and navigate the closing process and the preparation of closing documentation to ensure a successful transaction.

Paul's practice is focused exclusively on oil and gas matters. The significant concentration of Paul's oil and gas focused practice, allows him to provide his clients with timely, detailed and thoughtful assistance in energy matters.

Paul is recognized for his experience by *Best Lawyers in Canada*, *Chambers Canada*, *Chambers Global*, and the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*. He is called to the bar of Alberta (1994).

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Jeff has extensive experience in all aspects of liquefied natural gas (LNG), gas-to-liquids (GTL), pipeline, petrochemical and independent power and water projects and other forms of energy. He advises clients with respect to the structuring, development, financing and operation of world-wide energy projects, and other corporate, commercial and energy-related matters both domestic and international.

Prior to joining Lawson Lundell, Jeff worked for Qatar Petroleum, ultimately as General Counsel, and continues to be recognized for his substantial Middle East experience. He has also practiced with two major law firms in Calgary and an international pipeline company.

Jeff also has experience with private equity transactions, including limited partnerships and other limited liability structures, corporations, financings, and mergers and acquisitions, often involving multiple jurisdictions.

Jeff has been a sessional instructor at the Faculty of Law, University of Calgary for many years. The courses that he has taught include International Petroleum Transactions; Business Associations, Advanced Business Transactions and International Business Transactions.

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Keith advises private sector, public sector and government clients on Indigenous law and regulatory matters. He has appeared as counsel before numerous regulatory tribunals and all levels of Superior and Appellate Courts (both Federal and Provincial), including the Supreme Court of Canada. He has acted for clients in a number of natural resource industries including hydro-electric generation and transmission, oil and gas, mining, aquaculture, forestry, transportation and independent power projects. His practice extends throughout Western Canada and the North.

In the area of regulatory/energy law, Keith acts as counsel for proponents and users of energy, mining and other natural resource projects. He appears regularly before administrative tribunals, including the National Energy Board and the British Columbia Utilities Commission. He also appears as counsel on appeals or applications seeking judicial review of decisions by administrative boards and tribunals.

In the area of Indigenous law, Keith advises governments, Crown corporations and private sector clients on the extent of the duty to consult and, if necessary, accommodate, in respect of potential adverse effects to Indigenous rights or title by major industrial projects. He advises on the development of consultation programs and has negotiated several dozen impact-benefit agreements with First Nations. Keith acts as hearing counsel for proponents seeking regulatory permits and approvals. He also represents project proponents and governments in appeals and judicial reviews challenging project approvals.

Keith is recognised for his energy and indigenous experience by *Best Lawyers in Canada*, *Benchmark Litigation*, and the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*. He was named the 2022 'Lawyer of the Year' for Energy Regulatory Law in Vancouver by Best Lawyers in Canada. He is called to the bars of British Columbia (1997), Northwest Territories (2000), Nunavut (2000), Yukon (2010), and Alberta (2021).

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ENVIRONMENT

In this chapter we highlight 77 environment specialists in Canada who come highly commended for their outstanding work assisting clients in matters such as waste management and carbon markets.

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Leonard J Griffiths
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Alexandria J Pike
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John D Stefaniuk
Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP
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Gray E Taylor
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Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers performs well with seven practitioners listed here.

Charles (Chuck) Birchall is a highly skilled and acclaimed environment lawyer in Canada, report sources. His practice focuses on environmental assessment and compliance issues.

Marc McAree is described by sources as "a superb environmental lawyer". He is well versed in the litigation and mediation of environmental disputes.

Julie Abouchar earns recognition as "an excellent lawyer in the market". She is sought after for her skill with water retention, contamination and environmental assessment matters as well as compliance issues.

Gowling WLG sees six lawyers listed in this chapter.

Jennifer Danahy enjoys considerable acclaim from respondents for environment practice. She focuses on advising clients on compliance and litigation proceedings before Canadian courts and the environmental review tribunal.

Adam Chamberlain is an established and respected name in Canada for environmental law issues, report peers. Clients rely on him for expertise in emissions regulations, environmental impact assessments and litigation proceedings.

Rodney Northey is a lawyer who enjoys "a great reputation", according to market commentators. He is a go-to for environmental regulations in Canada.

Rosalind Cooper at Fasken is a top-quality name in the Canadian market, with sources describing her as "one of the best known and most respected environmental lawyers around".

Tony Crossman with Blake, Cassels & Graydon is singled out by peers as "a leading light of the space".

Leonard Griffiths of Bennett Jones has built and maintains a sterling environmental practice, and is recognised as "an extremely prominent and leading figure in environmental law" in Canada.

Brad Gilmour is identified as a key name in the Canadian market by sources. He head the firm's regulatory department and is highly sought after for his skill with environmental and energy matters.

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg is home to **Alexandria Pike** is hailed by peers and clients as "a leading figure in Canada' for environment law matters.

Sarah Powell is "a preeminent figure in environment law" report commentators. Her practice is geared towards environmental matters pertaining to mining, renewable energy and indigenous issues.

Marie-Claude Bellemare wins impressive endorsements from respondents, who describe her as "an outstanding lawyer and a good person".

Anne-Marie Sheahan of Sheahan is lauded by sources as "a phenomenal practitioner" and a "go-to person for a lot of lawyers in Canada who don't have offices in Quebec".

Gray Taylor with Gray Taylor Law is a favourite among peers and clients in the Canadian environmental law market, thanks to his outstanding track record with emissions trading matters and climate change planning briefs.

John Stefaniuk at Thompson Dorfman Sweatman is a supremely skilled and respected environment lawyer, with sources noting that "a lot of environmental counsel go to him for Manitoba issues".

Dennis Mahony at Torys comes with extensive endorsements from sources for his practice. He regularly advises public and private sector clients on a range of regulatory and contentious environmental issues.

Stikeman Elliott's **Larry Cobb** enjoys significant acclaim from peers in Canada's environmental law space. His practice focuses on the environmental dimension of financing, acquisition and divestiture transactions as well as general compliance issues.

At Osler Hoskin & Harcourt **Jennifer Fairfax** receives wide-ranging endorsements for her top-tier environment practice, and is descried as "a definite stand out in the market".

Tamara Farber with Miller Thomson is a formidable environment law specialist who has "an impressive ability to navigate complex environmental matters with multiple stakeholders".

Janet Bobechko from WeirFoulds is recommended by commentators as "a phenomenal lawyer" for environment matters, including regulatory inspections, litigation proceedings and climate change issues.

Robert Grant KC at Steward McKelvey receives high praise from peers, who recommend him as "a brilliant lawyer" and "a go-to in Canada for environment law".

From Norton Rose Fulbright Canada **Alan Harvie** is a pillar of the Canadian environment law market, bringing over 30 years of experience to issues in the oil and gas, chemical and waste disposal sectors.

Jean Piette with BCF is "definitely one of the most senior environmental lawyers in Quebec, with a great reputation and good perspective on regulatory issues".

British Columbia

Brad Armstrong KC
Lawson Lundell LLP

Brad has extensive experience in civil litigation, Indigenous law, administrative and constitutional law, and environmental law. He represents clients involved with land use issues, project development, regulatory approvals, environmental assessments, Indigenous consultation, and litigation, in a range of natural resource industries including mining, forestry, agriculture, aquaculture, energy, independent power projects, oil and gas, and transportation. His practice extends through Western Canada and the North (including Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut).

Brad acts as counsel in court hearings and in public review hearings, in all levels of the British Columbia Courts and the Federal Courts, and before federal, provincial and territorial boards, panels and commissions. Brad also has extensive experience in corporate and commercial litigation, injunctions, and environmental prosecutions, as well as competition law.

Brad is admitted to the bars of British Columbia (1981), NWT (1998), Nunavut (1999), and Yukon (2006). He was named Queen's Counsel for B.C. in 2002. Brad also teaches a course at the University of British Columbia – Natural Resources Law (2010-2011 and 2017-present), Oil and Gas Law (2013-2016).

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FRANCHISING

This year's guide features 46 outstanding practitioners who excel in franchising matters, from complex dispute litigation to advisory work in transactional franchising issues.

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At Sotos, seven practitioners rank highly in our research.

Peter Viitre receives admiration from commentators as a practitioner who is "top of the field in transactional franchising".

John Sotos is a doyen of Canadian franchising law, with particular expertise working for clients in the grocery industry. Clients appreciate him as a practitioner who "has always made time for us".

Allan Dick is a key name in the region, with one source naming him "the most experienced franchising litigator in Canada".

John Yiokaris earns commendations for his "clean and practical legal advice" in franchising issues, with particular expertise in the automotive industry.

Cassels Brock & Blackwell excels with six practitioners listed.

Peter Snell enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market for his deep knowledge of franchising law, particularly at its intersection with intellectual property issues.

Larry Weinberg is deemed "a stand-out practitioner" by market sources impressed by his high level of expertise in commercial franchising.

Derek Ronde is lauded as "a collegial practitioner and a highly competent litigation opponent" when it comes to disputes in the franchising arena.

Dale & Lessmann sees four practitioners performing strongly in the rankings.

Jeffrey Hoffman receives glowing endorsements as "one of the top franchise litigators in Canada", drawing on decades of experience in the field.

David Shaw wins admiration for his deep knowledge of complex commercial franchising issues, appreciated by peers as "a very good guy to work with".

Chad Finkelstein comes highly recommended as a strong franchising practitioner who "really knows the area".

Clark Harrop draws on long experience of franchising systems in Canada to provide market-leading advice in the area.

Osler Hoskin & Harcourt secures four listings this year.

Andraya Frith is a long-standing fixture in the commercial franchising market in Canada, with specialist expertise in cross-border matters.

Dominic Mochrie impresses market sources with his top-tier advice on franchising matters, particularly when it comes franchising issues related to M&A transactions.

Jennifer Dolman wins approval from peers and clients alike as "a considerate, thoughtful and strategic litigator" in franchising disputes.

Christine Jackson is highly recommended for her experience in a wide array of franchising issues, including those related to insolvencies.

Joseph Adler of Hoffer Adler is a renowned franchising lawyer with a wealth of experience in IP law and cross-border trade.

Adam Ship at McCarthy Tétrault is lauded by peers and clients alike as "one of the most thoughtful and strategic litigators in the franchising area".

Bruno Floriani of Lapointe Rosenstein Marchand Melançon is a well-regarded lawyer who is deemed "a go-to in the region" with "a wealth of international experience".

Marissa Carnevale receives widespread acclaim for her work in complex franchising issues, including those in the technology sector.

Frank Zaid of ADR Chambers enjoys a fantastic reputation for his dispute resolution practice in franchising issues, for which he deploys "an intimate understanding of franchising law".

Michael Melvin from McInnes Cooper wins praise as "a practical and client-oriented lawyer" in disclosure and corporate restructuring-related franchising matters.

Debi Sutin at Gowling is a favourite among clients who note her "skilled and collegial approach" to franchising issues in Canada and across its borders.

Helen Fotinos of Dentons impresses commentators with "her tenacity", along with her ability as "a problem solver who finds practical and cost-effective solutions".

Ellery Lew at Witten earns a superb reputation in the market for his litigation skill in franchising disputes as well as his deep knowledge of a range of franchising and distribution matters.

Darrell Jarvis at Fasken is a top name in the market and is recognised as "a well-known and respected commercial franchise lawyer".

Blair Rebane from Borden Ladner Gervais is widely admired as "an experienced franchise litigator" who "writes and speaks frequently in this area of the law".

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GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

This year, we feature 51 Canadian practitioners who receive widespread acclaim for their expertise in regulatory, procurement and bidding issues across the government contracts field.

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Borden Ladner Gervais performs well with four practitioners listed here.

Douglas Sanders is a favourite among peers and clients, who describe him as "an excellent lawyer for construction matters" in the procurement space.

Richard Shaban is singled out by sources as a key name in Canada for government contract issues. He brings over 30 years of experience with infrastructure and procurement issues to his clients' cases.

Mark Fecenko receives impressive recommendations for his practice from respondents, and focuses on procurement and outsourcing matters in the IT, healthcare and energy sectors among others.

David Sherriff-Scott enjoys a stellar reputation among peers, thanks to his outstanding work as a litigator in procurement disputes.

McCarthy Tétrault sees four individuals highlighted in this chapter.

David Lever is lauded by market commentators as "a standout name" for government contracts work. He is well-versed on power and infrastructure matters in particular.

Martha Harrison is a distinguished international trade specialist, with considerable skill in handling public procurement, foreign investment and product regulation issues.

Gordon Willcocks receives emphatic endorsements for his practice, which focuses on procurement, public-private partnerships and construction projects.

Godyne Sibay has built a leading public procurement practice in the Canadian market, and has over 35 years of experience with projects in the healthcare, power, transport and education sectors.

Four individuals from Osler Hoskin & Harcourt are listed.

Rocco Sebastiano is relied upon by clients for his expertise and experience in procurement issues. He represents owners, government authorities and developers in relation to their project needs.

Tobor Emakpor has distinguished himself with his handling of procurement matters, including public-private partnership projects in Canada, the UK and West Africa.

Chris Bennett is highlighted by peers as a highly accomplished and respected name when it comes to advising on public-private partnerships in Canada.

Michael Fekete receives extensive recommendations for his practice, which covers procurement, IT and privacy law matters.

Paul Lalonde at Dentons is a leading name in the Canadian government contract market, with commentators recommending him as "a great procurement lawyer".

Phuong Ngo with Gowling WLG leads the firm's procurement group and is a top-notch practitioner well-versed in advising bidders and owners on the procurement process and disputes.

Stephanie Pearce is a well-regarded name for procurement matters. She has a strong track record advising clients on procurement policies and judicial review proceedings.

Judy Wilson of Blake, Cassels & Graydon has established himself as an eminent government contracts specialist, with peers commenting that he is an "excellent tendering procurement lawyer".

Gerry Stobo from Cassidy Levy Kent comes recommended by market commentators as "an outstanding, very experienced lawyer" when it comes to government contracts work.

At Cassels Brock & Blackwell **Matthew Alter** is recognised by peers as a force to be reckoned with in the Canadian construction and procurement market.

Paul Emanuelli from the Procurement Law Office is readily endorsed by sources as "one of the top procurement lawyers" in Canada.

Ben Mills with Conlin Bedard is widely appreciated for his expertise in administrative law and civil litigation, and is experienced in handling federal and provincial government contracting matters.

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Paul Belanger is highly recommended by peers as "an extremely good practitioner to work with" on a host of insurance issues for clients in the financial sector.

David Tupper is nominated as a go-to lawyer in the region for insurance litigation as well as advice on complex reinsurance matters.

Bonny Murray receives widespread acclaim for her work on insurance matters and reinsurance transactions for financial services providers and banks.

John Nicholl at Clyde & Co Canada is a long-standing fixture in the Canadian insurance market and receives glowing recommendations from peers.

Blair Keefe of Torys wins praise as "a really sharp lawyer" whose work on insurance matters for banking clients is widely admired.

Jill McCutcheon draws on decades of experience in the field to provide market-leading advice on reinsurance matters as well as regulations in the insurance sector.

Eric Dolden at Dolden Wallace Folick is a distinguished specialist in commercial insurance law and is highly sought after for his top-tier litigation skills.

Stuart Carruthers of Stikeman Elliot is lauded as "a very well-known name and a great practitioner" in the Canadian insurance market.

Thomas Donnelly at Thomas Gold Pettingill is extensively experienced in litigation and other forms of dispute resolution for high-profile insurance cases across Canada.

Robert Bell of Lerners receives recognition as a highly skilled litigator in complex insurance matters for the automotive and aerospace industries among others.

Gordon Goodman at Cassels Brock & Blackwell earns strong approval from commentators as "an excellent corporate lawyer working in the insurance space".

Doug McInnis at Lloyd Burns McInnis is widely recognised as a leading name in insurance litigation for his cutting-edge work on intricate coverage disputes.

Marcus Snowden from Snowden ranks as a go-to lawyer at the Canadian bar for insurance coverage matters.

Nicholas Krnjevic at Robinson Sheppard Shapiro enjoys "a brilliant reputation" as "an excellent advisor" on a broad range of insurance and reinsurance matters.

Nancy Carroll of McCarthy Tétrault has long-standing experience in both regulatory and transactional insurance matters. One source notes: "I would definitely recommend her in this field."

Mary Jane Stitt from Mary Jane Stitt Professional Corporation earns commendations for her first-rate insurance dispute resolution practice, in particular when it comes to mediation and arbitration.

David Liblong of Liblong Digambar stands out for his skilful advocacy in a wide variety of insurance issues.

Steven Stieber at Stieber Berlach is applauded as "one of the leading practitioners in the field", particularly when it comes to liability insurance matters.

Geoffrey Adair KC from Adair Goldblatt Bieber is highly commended by market sources as "a leading trial lawyer in insurance cases".

Gordon Hilliker KC of Gordon Hilliker Law Corp is an accomplished litigator who is recognised for his outstanding litigation in insurance matters across the full range of court levels in Canada.

Alan Rudakoff KC at Scott Venturo Rudakoff acts on some of the most notable commercial insurance claims in the region, both in court and through alternative dispute resolution methods.

David Bishop from Gowling impresses market commentators with his top-tier litigation in insurance matters for clients in the energy sector.

British Columbia

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John Singleton is a principal legal figure in the country's construction industry, having played key roles in major developments across Western Canada. He founded the firm in Vancouver, in 1982, with a vision of creating a practice that would stand out for its expertise in construction and infrastructure law. Today, Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP serves clients across the country and is recognized internationally for its knowledge and insight.

John has acted as Counsel in precedent-setting cases involving insurance, infrastructure, construction, liability and environmental matters. He also offers extensive experience in complex commercial disputes.

John is an accomplished Mediator and Arbitrator. He earned the chartered arbitrator designation (C.Arb) from the ADR Institute of Canada, and over the past decade has served as fairness advisor on more than 100 infrastructure projects, ranging from design and construction of hospitals and healthcare facilities and hydro electric projects, tunnels and dams.

He is an adjunct Professor of Law at the University of British Columbia and has taught Construction Law at Thompson Rivers University and as a visiting lecturer at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

John regularly earns top rankings from Lexpert, Best Lawyers, Who's Who Legal, Martindale-Hubbell and others. B*enchmark Canada* has designated him a "litigation star" and *Chambers Canada* recently labelled him a "top gun."

Outside of the firm, John maintains a long-term relationship with Arts Umbrella, the not-for-profit arts education centre dedicated to inspiring children and young adults. Over the past 20 years, he has served as a member of the organization's board, as President and as Legal Advisor.

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WWL says: *John Singleton KC is held in high esteem for his accomplished litigation practice, which sees him advise clients on disputes arising from insurance claims.*

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INVESTIGATIONS

This year, we list 20 practitioners who excel in the Canadian market for commercial investigations in a range of criminal and regulatory matters.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon is strongly represented with three practitioners listed.

Sean Boyle is extensively experienced in regulatory investigations, advising clients on cases before various securities commissions.

Michael Dixon earns recognition for his expertise in internal corruption investigations and draws on a broad knowledge of international corruption legislation.

Mark Morrison stands out as a go-to practitioner for sophisticated investigations of corruption and white-collar crimes.

Scott Fenton of Fenton Smith Barristers is a highly distinguished practitioner in commercial crime matters and comes highly recommended for his experience in cross-border investigations.

John Boscariol at McCarthy Tétrault earns recognition for his first-rate advice on investigations matters related to international trade and investment law.

Gowling's **Glen Jennings** is a clear leader in the field when it comes to internal investigations, drawing on a deep knowledge of white-collar crime and governance law.

Stéphane Eljarrat of Osler Hoskin & Harcourt enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market for his strategic advice on regulatory investigations.

Matthew Lindsay KC at Rose is a favourite among market sources who praise his outstanding work on fraud investigations.

Marie Henein from Henein Hutchison impresses market commentators with her exceptional practice in criminal investigations across Canada.

David Martin at Martin + Associates ranks prominently as a top name in global internal investigations for business crime matters.

Richard Shadley KC at Shadley Bien-Aimé receives tributes from commentators as "one of the icons of Montreal" when it comes to criminal and regulatory investigations.

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INVESTIGATIONS | *Digital Forensic Experts*

This year we list seven experts whose knowledge of digital forensic methods and analysis is vital to a variety of legal investigations.

Deloitte excels with three practitioners ranking highly in this year's guide.

Peter Dent wins approval for his deep experience advising on anti-fraud and anti-corruption matters for internal corporate investigations.

Alan Stewart brings standout expertise in digital forensic accounting to a range of high-stakes investigations across the region.

Kevvie Fowler is praised as "a very knowledgeable expert" who is "well known in the network forensic space" for his investigations work.

Joseph Coltson at PwC stands out as a clear leader in the region when it comes to investigations involving cyber forensics work.

e-Forensic Services' **Laurie Windover** specialises in technical analysis and computer forensics for a variety of corporate investigation matters.

Colin Cree receives widespread acclaim for his expertise in digital forensics methods for criminal investigations.

Joel Bowers of Kroll is well versed in providing analysis and witness testimony on digital evidence for investigations on a global level.

Ontario

Joel Bowers
Kroll

Joel Bowers is a managing director in the Cyber Risk practice of Kroll. Based in Toronto, Joel has overseen the Cyber Risk practice in Canada since 2012, and Litigation Support for Kroll Cyber Risk globally beginning in 2022. Over the years, Joel has gained experience working on hundreds of cases involving digital evidence. These cases have ranged in size from single computer investigations through cases involving multinational companies where hundreds of electronic devices were involved.

Joel earned an M.S. in Information Assurance at Davenport University and a Bachelor of Applied Information Science in Information Systems Security at Sheridan College.

Joel has submitted dozens of computer forensic expert reports and affidavits to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and has successfully defended them under cross-examination.

Joel has been retained on hundreds of matters with a mandate of identifying sensitive data known to be exfiltrated by threat actors. Personally identifiable information and personal health information of employees and customers is commonly leaked during ransomware and business email compromise events. This leaked information is often protected under mandatory reporting requirements.

Joel and his team use the RelativityOne review platform to process, search, and perform analytics to defensibly reduce the data set to records potentially containing sensitive data. Automation is used where possible to extract the detected information, and teams of review attorneys are retained to manually review and extract information where analytics or other automation is not effective.

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INVESTIGATIONS | *Forensic Accountants*

This year's guide lists 18 forensic accountants who provide expert opinions on a variety of civil and financial fraud investigations.

KPMG excels with six practitioners in this year's guide.

Francois Filion draws on long-standing experience providing intricate financial analysis for fraud investigations.

Peter Armstrong is nominated as a go-to expert in asset and intelligence tracing for corporate investigations across Canada.

Colleen Basden is highly commended by market commentators as an impressive expert, appreciated for her consultation and witness testimony in investigations of fraud.

Enzo Carlucci is highlighted as "a very strong and credible testifier" on accounting and regulatory investigations.

Roddy Allan at Deloitte is praised in the investigations market as "a well-respected professional with extensive experience in forensic matters".

Gina Campbell ranks among the very elite of experts in our research for her market-leading analysis on fraud and corruption investigations.

Alan Stewart advises on complex forensic accounting matters for some of the most high-stakes investigations in the region.

Peter Dent is recommended as a top name in the field and is particularly recognised for his forensic work in post-crisis environments.

Scott Davidson at Kroll is a favourite among peers and clients alike, widely praised for his experience providing accounting reviews for corporate investigations.

Ross Hamilton from Cohen Hamilton Steger & Co earns widespread acclaim for his long-standing expertise leading accounting investigations.

Peter Steger is widely recognised as a leading accounting expert and is highly experienced in financial and civil fraud investigations.

Ontario

A Scott Davidson
Kroll

A Scott Davidson, HBA, CPA, CBV, is a managing director in the Toronto office and leads the Canadian practice of Duff & Phelps. Mr Davidson has more than 30 years of experience in business valuation, financial advisory services, disputes, investigations and expert testimony.

Mr Davidson has completed numerous valuations of companies involved in many industries for various purposes, including financial litigation support, corporate finance activities, financial reporting and income tax.

He has been retained, qualified as an expert and given evidence on business valuation, loss/damage quantification and other financial issues in matters in various courts, before arbitration panels, regulators and other triers of fact in numerous jurisdictions internationally. He has been retained on numerous matters where the loss quantum has ranged up into the billions of dollars. Those engagements have been pursuant to a wide variety of litigation and dispute matters, including post-acquisition purchase price disputes, IP disputes, dissent and other shareholder disputes, contractual related disputes, product liability, breach of fiduciary duty, securities violations and disputes, D&O and other insurance claims and negligent and fraudulent misrepresentation. Many of those matters have also involved investigative accounting analyses.

He has also acted as arbitrator and has provided financial advisory services in connection with many corporate transactions.

Mr Davidson has written and spoken on many topics relevant to his professional practice.

He is a graduate of the Ivey School of Business, Western University and is a Canadian chartered professional accountant and chartered business valuator.

Scott is also past chair of the board of governors of St Clement's School in Toronto, a leading Canadian independent, university preparatory school for girls.

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Peter McFarlane
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Peter McFarlane is a Managing Director in the Forensic Investigations and Intelligence practice of Kroll, based in the Toronto office. He is the leader of the Financial Investigations team in Toronto. With more than 30 years of forensic accounting and investigative experience, Peter manages a wide range of complex financial investigations, litigation consulting, asset recovery, monitorships and due diligence assignments for corporate and government clients around the world.

Peter has investigated a broad range of fraud and misconduct cases, including management and employee fraud, procurement fraud and misappropriation of funds, intellectual property and confidential information. His commercial and civil litigation matters involved breach of fiduciary duty, breach of trust and breach of contract, and shareholder disputes. He has also led numerous pre-acquisition due diligence engagements on behalf of corporations and financial institutions.

Peter has spoken in numerous forums on fraud awareness, funds tracing and due diligence. He has been a seminar leader for York University's Osgoode Hall Law School Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop and provided expert testimony in a variety of courts throughout Canada.

Peter received a B.A. (Honors) in accounting and computing science from Stirling University, Scotland. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant, Chartered Accountant, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, a Certified Fraud Examiner and Certified in Financial Forensics by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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Peter Steger
Cohen Hamilton Steger & Co Inc

Peter Steger has over 30 years of specialised experience in expert witness work in damages quantification, business valuation and forensic accounting. He co-founded one of Canada's largest boutique firms, Cohen Hamilton Steger & Co, in 2010, after 20 years at two international consultancies.

Peter has tendered expert reports and provided expert testimony in the Canadian federal court and various provincial commercial courts, domestic arbitrations, as well as the Singapore court and international arbitrations (ICC, UNCITRAL). In 2018, his loss quantification opinion resulted in one of Canada's largest damages awards at US$2.6 billion, which was confirmed by the appellate courts.

Peter's commercial disputes casework in litigation/arbitration focuses on the quantification of damages resulting from breach of contract, post-acquisition disputes, intellectual property matters, class actions and other financial disputes. He has also provided numerous independent valuations of business interests pursuant to shareholder disputes, related party transactions and acquisitions. He also has extensive experience in conducting accounting investigations involving suspected financial wrongdoing, kickbacks and investment scams, and has also assisted in obtaining and executing numerous *Anton Piller* orders and *Mareva* injunctions in civil fraud matters.

His assignments have encompassed a wide range of industries including financial services, technology, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, transportation, natural resources, real estate, construction, retail and sports franchises. Peter is also a frequent contributor to various accounting and legal conferences, publications and trial training programmes.

Peter is based in Toronto, Canada. He is a Canadian chartered professional accountant (CPA), chartered accountant (CA), and chartered business valuator (CBV); and holds US-based designations of certified fraud examiner (CFE), and certified in financial forensics (CFF).

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LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT & BENEFITS

This year, we feature 141 exceptional practitioners operating in the Canadian market. Their experience covers a wide range of matters, including labour relations, employment contracts, compensation, human rights and human resources.

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Roper Greyell – Employment and Labour Lawyers
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Fasken impresses with 10 lawyers listed in this chapter.

Brian Burkett sits among Canada's top labour and employment specialists thanks to his impressive track record as a leader in the ESG and business and human rights fields.

Douglas Gilbert is a highly regarded practitioner with an impeccable knowledge of federal and provincial labour laws.

Commended by peers as "a really excellent lawyer", **Stéphane Fillion** is highlighted for his expertise in labour standards and health and safety issues.

Karen Sargeant is a distinguished practitioner with a wealth of experience defending employers on a range of different workplace law matters.

Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti performs, well with 10 practitioners highlighted here.

James Knight is an accomplished practitioner with a well-developed labour and employment practice which focuses on collective bargaining and union campaigns.

Peter Thorup is a long-standing fixture in the market and focuses on the full range of labour and employment litigation including union organising.

Casey Dockendorff is acclaimed for her broad experience advising a range of public and private clients on employment litigation matters.

Nine individuals from Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie are listed.

Henry Dinsdale focuses his first-rate practice on assisting employers on complex labour law disputes.

Stephen Shamie receives plaudits as "a driving force" within the market, standing out for his excellent negotiation and defence ability in labour board proceedings.

Craig Rix stands out for his top tier work as an impeccable adviser to clients dealing with complex collective bargaining negotiations.

Mathews Dinsdale & Clark sees seven individuals listed.

John Craig garners acclaim from peers who commended him as "a leading labour and employment practitioner" thank to his first-class work on "very high-profile cases involving constitutional issues".

Jeffrey Goodman is one of the leading names in the Canadian market when it comes to employment litigation at both a domestic and international level.

Tara Erskine KC enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market with market commentators appreciating her strong work ethic and vast knowledge of employment matters.

Danny Kaufer at Borden Ladner Gervais is widely recognised as a leading labour and employment specialist, most notably when it comes to cross-border disputes.

Matthew Certosimo is extensively in managing labour and employment litigation, with an emphasis on wrongful dismissals and labour arbitration.

Sherrard Kuzz is home to **Erin Kuzz** enjoys effusive praise from peers who commend her as a "smart and creative problem solver", a "very trusted adviser by clients" and an "important player in the market".

The "very experienced" **Michael Sherrard** draws praise from sources as an internationally recognised labour and employment lawyer who is active in numerous industries.

Respondents consider **Thomas Roper** of Roper Greyell – Employment and Labour Lawyers to be a "top-tier" practitioner and have "no hesitation recommending him".

James Kondopulos is greatly appreciated by clients who praise his use of "practical solutions and strategic thinking" when

approaching problems, as well as his ability to "convey legal concepts into practical business solutions".

Delayne Sartison KC is widely held to be a "practical and experienced" lawyer, excelling on all advisory work in relation to employment and human rights matters in the workplace.

Gregory Heywood receives widespread acclaim for his experience, including representing clients in labour disputes.

Peter Gall KC from Gall Legge Grant Zwack is deemed "a real standout" in the market with an enviable labour and employment practice.

Andrea Zwack proficiently acts on some of the most notable employment cases at both the federal and provincial levels.

Angela Rae of Rae Christen Jeffries is endorsed by peers as a "phenomenal lawyer" who is a "great contributor to the practice area".

Gavin Hume KC at Harris & Company is singled out for his exemplary assistance to employers for their workplace concerns.

Described by sources as a "giant in the field", **Eric Harris KC** is exceptional practitioner with a sweeping knowledge of employment and labour law.

At Brown Mills Klinck Prezioso, **Elizabeth Brown** enjoys extensive praise from sources for her "creativity at solving problems" and her "truly impressive understanding of actuarial implications".

Lisa Mills is an "extremely responsive and client focused" lawyer who "has the depth and breadth of knowledge needed to address any pension issues".

Hugh McPhail KC with Neuman Thompson is a distinguished lawyer with a stellar reputation in the Canadian market for labour arbitrations and wrongful dismissal disputes.

Craig Neuman KC is a star in the labour and employment market, adept at managing private and public sector clients on collective bargaining and collective agreement arbitration matters.

Guy Lavoie at Lavery de Billy is heralded as a "very high-profile and senior" practitioner with a wealth of experience in assisting national organisations for employers.

Tim Lawson from McCarthy Tétrault is identified as a go-to name in Canada thanks to his market-leading expertise on complex corporate transactions.

Richard Charney at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada stands out as a "high-profile practitioner" who is "involved in many complex cases".

Craig Munroe with Pulver Crawford Munroe is applauded for his considerable knowledge of all aspects of labour law.

British Columbia

Kenneth E Burns
Lawson Lundell LLP

Ken practises exclusively in the firm's pensions and employee benefits law practice group. He advises pension and benefit plan sponsors on a range of legal and regulatory issues affecting their plans. He advises on pension plan governance and compliance monitoring projects, regulatory applications and the handling of pension disputes. He works with managers in the drafting and maintenance of pension documents, including plan texts, trust agreements, governance policies, investment policies, funding policies, plan assessments, as well as investment manager and other service provider contracts. Ken is frequently involved in assisting parties in mergers and acquisitions on the pension and benefits issues arising in the course of planning and executing their transactions.

Ken is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, the International Pension and Employee Benefits Lawyers' Association, and the Canadian Pension and Benefits Institute.

Ken is admitted to the bars of British Columbia (1998), Northwest Territories (2000), Alberta (2006), Yukon (2018), and Ontario (2021). He was named the Best Lawyers in Canada Employee Benefits Law 'Lawyer of the Year' in Vancouver for 2014, 2017 and 2019. Ken is recognized for his experience by *Best Lawyers in Canada*, *Chambers Canada*, and the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

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WWL says: *The "excellent" Kenneth Burns is "a brilliant pensions lawyer" with "a long history in the industry".*

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Murray is the head of Western Canada's largest and most experienced Pensions and Benefits Law Group. He has practised exclusively in the pension and benefits area since 1994. His clients are boards of trustees and other sponsors of pension and benefit plans in the public and private sectors in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

He has significant experience advising clients with respect to the reorganization and modernization of their pension and benefit plans, as well as their governing documents. He assisted with the introduction of joint trusteeship to pension plans in the British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba public sectors, and currently acts for more than a dozen joint boards of trustees of public sector pension and benefit plans. Recently, he has been assisting his benefit plan clients transition to the employee life and health trust rules. He has also been assisting his pension clients address the new rules for SMEPs brought in by Bill C-30.

Murray is a member of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, the International Pension and Employee Benefits Lawyers Association (IPEBLA), and the Canadian Pension and Benefits Institute. He is admitted to the bars of British Columbia (1990) and Saskatchewan (2021). Murray was named the Best Lawyers in Canada 'Lawyer of the Year' for Employee Benefits Law in Vancouver for 2013, 2018 and 2021. He is recommended for his Pensions experience by *Best Lawyers in Canada*, *Chambers Canada*, and the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

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Randall Kaardal KC
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Randy J. Kaardal, K.C. is a senior litigator handling a wide range of commercial litigation for clients in the financial, mining, forestry and manufacturing sectors. He has conducted hearings before all levels of court in Canada, including the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the British Columbia Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. He also regularly appears before various administrative tribunals including the B.C. Securities Commission, the Federal and Provincial Human Rights Tribunals, and the Environmental Appeal Tribunal. In addition, Mr. Kaardal maintains a labour and employment practice representing both employers and employees on employment, labour and pension issues.

Mr. Kaardal is recognized in *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as one of the leading lawyers in Canada. In addition, Mr. Kaardal was named both Labour & Employment Litigator of the Year and Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation. He is also recognized in *The Best Lawyers in Canada* in the areas of Administrative and Public Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate Practice, Corporate and Commercial Litigation and Labour and Employment Law, and is ranked in the London-based Chambers Canada Guide in Litigation: General Commercial (British Columbia).

He has been a lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia and has spoken at seminars and conferences sponsored by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, the Justice Institute of British Columbia and the American Bar Association.

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Robert A Sider KC
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Rob Sider, KC, is the head of the Labour, Employment and Human Rights Group at Lawson Lundell. His practice focuses on management-side labour and employment law. He advises on labour and employment aspects of commercial transactions and day-to-day labour and employment issues. His work includes labour and employment litigation, arbitrations, human rights, employment standards (including director and officer liability issues), collective bargaining and workers compensation.

Rob has appeared in front of labour relations boards, employment standards tribunals, human rights tribunals as well as before the British Columbia Supreme Court and BC Court of Appeal. He is a member of the Human Resource Management Association, and the Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers (CACE). He is admitted to the bars of British Columbia (1991), Alberta (1999), and Yukon (2010). Rob is recommended for his Labour & Employment experience by for his experience by *Best Lawyers in Canada*, *Chambers Canada*, *Benchmark Litigation* and the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

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In this chapter, we shine the light on 90 top-tier practitioners who are highlighted for their work on transactional, regulatory and contentious matters on behalf of high-profile clients in the life sciences field.

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Adrienne M Blanchard *Blanchard Law Office* Ottowa	Andrew Brodkin *Goodmans LLP* Toronto	Dominique T Hussey *Bennett Jones LLP* Toronto
Jason Markwell *Fasken* Toronto	Eileen McMahon *Torys LLP* Toronto	Harry Radomski *Goodmans LLP* Toronto
Kavita Ramamoorthy *Fineberg Ramamoorthy LLP* Toronto	Mary M Thomson *Gowling WLG* Toronto	Alice Tseng *Smart & Biggar LLP* Toronto

Blake, Cassels & Graydon impresses with 10 lawyers listed in this chapter.

Melanie Baird earns acclaim for her exemplary expertise within the life sciences industry, excelling on drug patent cases and biotech disputes.

Andrew Skodyn comes well regarded for his vast experience dealing with patent and trademark litigation in the life sciences sector.

Joseph Garcia stands out amongst peers as one of the "biggest names in British Columbia for life sciences".

Gordon McKee is a market-leading lawyer with considerable experience acting on life sciences defence disputes.

Fasken performs well with nine practitioners highlighted here.

Jason Markwell is first-class practitioner with a prolific practice in contentious matters across the life sciences industry, including patent litigation.

Julie Desrosiers receives high praise from respondents impressed with her life sciences practice, that features a particular focus on patent litigation.

Peter Pliszka comes well regarded as an excellent litigator on a number of national and international life sciences disputes.

Ingrid VanderElst wins commendations from market commentators who highlight her as "brilliant" and "very active on the pharmaceutical side".

Eight individuals from Torys are listed.

Eileen McMahon is one of the foremost names in the life sciences field, with peers praising her as a "leading light in the space" who is "great for regulatory work".

The "fantastic" **Andrew Shaughnessy** remains a go-to litigator for disputes on pharmaceutical patents.

Yael Bienenstock receives effusive praise from sources impressed with her deep expertise assisting pharmaceutical clients in regulatory proceedings.

Regarded as "a real stand out", **Andrew Bernstein** is a greatly respected lawyer who wins accolades for his experience on medical patent regulation.

Goodmans is home to six stand-out practitioners.

Andrew Brodkin draws praise from respondents who compliment him as a practitioner "well-deserving of any praise", with an impressive track record in the practice.

Harry Radomski is heralded a "master at litigation on the behalf of generic drug companies" who is "well deserving of his great reputation".

Dino Clarizio draws support from respondents who praise his stellar work in intellectual property litigation and prosecution.

Ben Hackett is a terrific practitioner with a fantastic reputation in Canada, thanks to the top-quality advice he provides on patent litigation for prominent pharmaceutical clients.

Adrienne Blanchard at Blanchard Law Office is a widely recognised name in the Canadian life sciences market, respected for her "deep understanding of life sciences and intellectual property regulation".

Dominique Hussey from Bennett Jones is an established and highly rated figure in the market who is singled out for her litigation practice, encompassing pharmaceutical and biotech patents and trademarks.

With nearly 20 years' experience within the field, **Kavita Ramamoorthy** of Fineberg Ramamoorthy is considered an authority in pharmaceutical patent law.

Judith Robinson possesses a highly respected practice, with observers praising her as an "amazing IP and pharmaceutical litigator".

Mary Thomson at Gowling WLG is a long-standing fixture on the Canadian market, acting for numerous pharmaceutical and medical corporation on product liability disputes.

Alice Tseng with Smart & Biggar wins commendations for her "significant health regulatory expertise for pharmaceutical companies".

Nancy Pei is identified as a "very good patent litigator" who has established herself as a leader in the life sciences sphere.

Yoon Kang is a top-drawer life sciences litigator who wins plaudits for her counsel of international pharmaceutical companies on patent matters.

Sana Halwani at Lenczner Slaght is widely considered a highly knowledgeable name on all patent matters pertaining to pharmaceutical and biologics issues.

Jordana Sanft is described as a practitioner who "ticks all the boxes" as an excellent intellectual property litigator in life sciences.

Peter Wilcox from Belmore Neidrauer is a notable figure in the market and earns praise from competitors as "a very strong litigator" who is a "great advocate".

At Bereskin & Parr, **Noel Courage** is highlighted for his substantial knowledge and experience dealing with pharmaceutical and biotech patents.

Micheline Gravelle is a seasoned adviser and regularly advises on complex biotech matters.

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Stikeman Elliott is home to 11 practitioners who are featured in this chapter.

Brian Pukier is celebrated as "one of the leading M&A practitioners", thanks to his vast experience advising domestic and international clients on multijurisdictional public M&A and private equity investments.

John Ciardullo is held in high regard for his excellent practice in cross-border M&A, corporate and restructuring transactions.

Peers single out **Samantha Horn** for her impeccable knowledge of M&A law pertaining to investment and buyout transactions in the life sciences and technology sectors, among others.

Christopher Nixon is an accomplished lawyer with a well-developed M&A practice. His impressive roster of clients spans domestic and multinational oil and gas companies, investment funds and dealers.

William Braithwaite earns plaudits for regularly advising major corporations, shareholders and government authorities on complex cross-border merger transactions.

Peers and clients say **Craig Story** comes highly recommended for skilful handing of complex M&A and strategic transactions, regularly advising energy, private equity, and infrastructure companies.

Leland Corbett is lauded for his vast experience handling financings and other capital markets transactions.

Observers note **Sean Vanderpol** is a sterling practitioner with a wealth of knowledge in public M&A and corporate finance transactions.

10 practitioners from Osler Hoskin & Harcourt are highlighted here.

Emmanuel (Manny) Pressman has a stellar reputation in the market for advising major multinational companies on a range of corporate transactions and restructuring.

Jeremy Fraiberg is a distinguished practitioner in the Canadian market with a sterling track-record handling acquisitions and corporate transactions in the mining and natural resources arena.

With over 25 years' experience, **Eric Levy** is a go-to practitioner for domestic and international M&A and securities law matters in the mining and gaming industry sectors.

Frank Turner receives high praise for his wealth of experience advising domestic and multinational clients in M&A and corporate finance matters.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon sees eight lawyers listed in this chapter.

Michael Gans garners praise for his extensive experience advising clients on M&A transactions and capital markets.

Jeffrey Lloyd is an accomplished practitioner who excels at assisting purchasers, committees and public companies in transactional and corporate governance matters.

Bob Wooder Volz is a top name in the arena and is recommended for his first-rate practice and skilful handling of issues spanning private equity financings, take-over and issuer bids.

Ross Bentley is commended by peers for his deep expertise assisting domestic and international clients on M&A transactions and corporate finance proceedings.

McCarthy Tétrault impresses with eight lawyers in this chapter.

Cameron Belsher is held in high regard for his superb practice in M&A and capital markets in the mining arena.

Peers commend **Robert Hansen** for his top-tier handling of complex transactions and financing matters spanning a range of industry sectors.

David Woollcombe is a seasoned practitioner with market sources noting, "He is extremely easy to work with and very practical."

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg performs well with seven practitioners listed here.

Vincent Mercier is highlighted for his impressive work on cross-border M&A spanning financial services, mining and energy sectors among others.

Patricia Olasker stands out for her extensive experience handling complex high-value M&A transactions for major multinational companies.

With over three decades of experience, **Franziska Ruf** is celebrated for her encyclopaedic and expertise on cross-border transactions.

Goodmans receives six listings in this chapter.

Neill May earns plaudits for his top-notch practice handling financing transactions, venture capital and corporate financings.

Stephen Halperin draws high praise for his expert handling of corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters.

Jonathan Lampe comes highly recommended for skilful handing of complex financings and reorganisations, as well as other M&A transactions.

Jonathan Feldman is lauded for his vast experience handling high-profile M&A

transactions. Peers and clients alike consider him "very strong" in the field.

Observers applaud **Stephen Pincus** for his vast experience and deep expertise in IPOs and cross-border M&A transactions.

Dale Lastman enjoys a stellar reputation for the breadth of his experience on matters pertaining to M&A transactions and restructuring in the sports arena.

Curtis Cusinato at Bennett Jones is well regarded as a top name for domestic and cross-border M&A, private equity and capital markets transactions across an array of industry sectors.

From Torys, **John Emanoilidis** enjoys a strong presence in the market thanks to first-rate M&A practice. His impressive roster of clients spans companies, directors and shareholders.

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MINING

Here, we highlight 93 top-tier mining lawyers for their brilliance across a range of transactional, contentious and regulatory matters.

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Erik Goldsilver
Gowling LLP
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John S M Turner
Fasken
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Fasken leads the market with 15 listings in this chapter.

Michael Bourassa enjoys a "strong reputation" in the market for his well-established mining practice encompassing financings, commercial agreements and litigation.

John Turner is held in high esteem as "the top name in the mining space with a real depth of knowledge". One source adds: "Clients love him."

Krisztián Tóth is singled out as "an expert in the mining sector" with a "commercial and practical understanding" of his clients' needs.

Nancy Eastman earns plaudits as "an extremely talented lawyer" who is "an excellent negotiator and superb in securities work and documentation".

John Torrey is looked upon with enormous favour by peers and clients alike as "one of the top mining debt lawyers in the country".

Brian Graves stands out as "the streaming king" thanks to his vast experience in metal streaming transactions.

Frank Mariage is a well-respected individual who "does excellent work in the mining sector" and is considered "a go-to person for cases in Quebec".

Georald Ingborg is an accomplished securities and M&A lawyer who is highly sought after by domestic and international mining companies and investors.

Cassels Brock & Blackwell performs well with 12 listings.

Darrell Podowski sits among the foremost mining lawyers in the market thanks to his experience handling complex M&A and governance matters.

Jay Goldman enjoys a fantastic reputation for his first-rate practice covering securities and commercial transactions in the mining sector.

Jennifer Traub garners plaudits as "a brilliant lawyer" who is "one of the best in the space" for the full spectrum of transactional matters.

John Craig is well versed in transactional matters, including takeover bids, concession agreements and joint ventures.

Mark Bennett ranks highly among peers thanks to his wide-ranging transactional know-how covering takeover bids, public offerings and metal streaming.

Bennett Jones achieves nine listings.

John Sabine ranks highly among peers thanks to his expert knowledge of M&A and joint ventures across the mining sector.

Sander Grieve distinguishes himself as a go-to name for the full gamut of transactional issues in the mining sector.

Abbas Ali Khan earns praise for his outstanding mining practice, which sees him frequently advise clients on M&A and securities.

McCarthy Tétrault sees seven of its top individuals listed here.

Roger Taplin is highlighted by sources as "a smart lawyer who knows the industry well" and enjoys an "excellent reputation".

Shea Small earns plaudits as "a top name" in the market when it comes to M&A, joint ventures and strategic investments.

Pierre Boivin is a renowned mining lawyer with a well-developed practice which sees him regularly work on projects in Africa.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon sees five practitioners listed.

Bob Wooder is recognised for his specialist M&A practice and is highly sought after for his "expertise in the securities space".

Charles Kazaz stands out as "a fabulous mining lawyer" who is held in high regard by peers and clients alike as "the go-to name in Quebec".

Peter O'Callaghan is a long-standing fixture in the market who excels in M&A and corporate finance transactions in the mining arena.

Jay Kellerman with Stikeman Elliott is a key figure who is "well known in the mining space", where he is "seen on lots of deals".

From Gowling, **Erik Goldsilver** is a seasoned mining specialist with over 20 years of experience in streaming transactions and royalty agreements.

Cyndi Laval is renowned as a "very professional" mining lawyer with an impressive track record in complex M&A and corporate finance.

Khaled Abdel-Barr with Lawson Lundell is highlighted by peers as "a top-notch mining lawyer" who frequently advises domestic and international clients on mine financing and acquisitions and dispositions of mining projects.

Pilot Law's **Charles Higgins** is a renowned "dealmaker" in the mining space who frequently advises investors and mining companies on joint ventures and transactional matters.

Brian Abraham KC from Dentons is a top name in the market, revered for his expert guidance on all stages of mining projects, from exploration to reclamation.

Osler Hoskin & Harcourt's **Alan Hutchison** is a first-rate mining lawyer who "has a strong reputation on the transactional side".

David Gunasekera with DuMoulin Black is highly sought after by clients in the mining sector for his expertise in capital markets transactions and M&A.

DLA Piper's **Alan Monk** is a standout practitioner who impresses sources with his skilful negotiation of commercial contracts and transactions.

At Borden Ladner Gervais, **Fred Pletcher** is an accomplished mining lawyer with a wealth of experience in the full spectrum of transactional matters.

David Allman of Edwards Kenny & Bray is a prominent figure in the market who is singled out by peers as "always a pleasure to have on the other side of a transaction".

Michael Pickersgill with Torys is a top-notch practitioner who is "great to have on the other side" thanks to his transactional know-how.

Melanie Shishler at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg is a well-renowned M&A specialist who is highly sought after by clients in the mining sector for her broad transactional practice.

British Columbia

Khaled Abdel-Barr
Lawson Lundell LLP

Khaled practises mining law, providing legal support for mineral exploration activities, and mine development and operations. He advises on acquisitions and dispositions of mines and mining projects, both domestically and around the world, on mine financing, and on a broad range of mining-related matters, including the negotiation of earn-in, joint venture, strategic alliance, royalty and streaming agreements, mineral title review and all aspects of the mining cycle. He has extensive experience in advising mining clients in Canada's northern territories.

Khaled also advises clients in the energy sector, having significant experience in dealing with contractual issues in connection with the purchase and sale of energy and other energy-related transactions.

In addition, Khaled practises general corporate and commercial law, advising clients on a range of commercial transactions, both domestic and cross-border.

Khaled is recognised by *Chambers Global*; *Chambers Canada*; *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*; *Lexpert Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*; *Lexpert: Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining*; *Legal 500 Canada* and *Best Lawyers in Canada* for mining law.

Khaled is a former director and at-large trustee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and a member of the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia and the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada.

Khaled is called to the bars of British Columbia (1996), Nunavut (2012), Yukon (2016) and Northwest Territories (2016). He is a frequent writer and speaker on topics related to mining law.

Lawson Lundell is distinguished as one of the few Canadian law firms with a full mining practice that offers the complete range of legal services to the industry. The firm is experienced in every kind of mining transaction and has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the mining industry.

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WWL says: *Khaled Abdel-Barr is highlighted by peers as "a top-notch mining lawyer" who frequently advises domestic and international clients on mine financing and acquisitions and dispositions of mining projects.*

Chris G Baldwin
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Chris advises on acquisitions and dispositions of mines and mining companies, project development and mine operations throughout Canada and the world. He has assisted in the structuring and negotiation of hundreds of transactions, including farm-ins and joint ventures, corporate acquisitions and mergers, and royalty sales. He has extensive experience with all legal aspects of the development, construction and financing of mines (including diamonds, coal and uranium), royalties, marketing contracts, ore sales contracts, impact benefit agreements with Indigenous Peoples and environmental and regulatory matters. Chris has experience with tendering for mineral concessions and negotiating mining contracts with sovereign governments. His practice also includes acting as an expert witness in mining-related litigation.

Chris is recognised by *Chambers Canada*, *Chambers Global*, *Best Lawyers in Canada*, *Best Lawyers* (Mining Law Lawyer of the Year in Vancouver, 2013), *Lexpert Guides*, *The Legal 500: Canada*, *WWL: Mining* and Who's Who Legal: *Canada* (mining chapter).

Chris is a member of the Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development Mining Law advisory board, and of the British Columbia and Yukon Chamber of Mines.

Chris has been called to the bars of British Columbia (1977), Northwest Territories (1994) and Nunavut (1999). Chris has lectured and taught extensively about the law related to mining, independent power development and forestry and corporations law.

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WWL says: *Christopher G Baldwin is a renowned figure in the market who is highly sought after for his transactional know-how and experience assisting on the development, construction and financing of mines.*

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Stuart is the head of the corporate finance and securities group at Lawson Lundell. He has acted for Canadian and international clients in a wide variety of transactions, including financings, business combinations or takeovers, acquisitions and stock exchange listings. He also advises clients on corporate and securities regulatory compliance issues and corporate governance matters.

Stuart has extensive experience in acting for clients involved in the mining industry, including advising on and completing commercial transactions such as joint ventures, option/earn-ins, royalties and metal streams, strategic investments and asset acquisitions. He regularly provides advice on the continuous disclosure requirements of publicly listed companies in the mining industry.

Stuart is recognised by *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada*, as a lawyer to watch; and *Best Lawyers in Canada*, for mining and M&A law. In 2012, he was recognised as one of Canada's leading lawyers under 40 with a Lexpert Rising Star Award and was included in *Business in Vancouver*'s list of 40 leading business professionals under 40.

Stuart is a member of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia, and the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada.

He is called to the British Columbia Bar (2001). He frequently writes and presents on topics related to capital markets and mining law.

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Karen is the Co-Chair of the Mining Group and Chair of the firm's Executive Committee. Karen practises corporate/commercial, mining and energy law with an emphasis on commercial arrangements in the mining sector including asset level acquisitions and dispositions, negotiation of earn-in, option and joint venture agreements, royalty agreements, procurement, construction and engineering agreements, and other strategic ownership arrangements. She also regularly advises clients in the energy sector in connection with the ownership and development of major power generation projects, power purchase and sale agreements, renewable energy transactions and a variety of related commercial/contracting matters.

Karen has represented domestic and foreign-based clients in various industries on general business law matters involving domestic and cross-border transactions. Karen's experience includes advising on share and asset acquisitions and divestitures, licensing arrangements, corporate and contractual joint venture arrangements, and debt and equity financings. Her experience covers a range of sectors and industries including energy, mining, forestry, pulp and paper, financial services, consumer products manufacturing and distribution, recreation and resorts, transportation and education.

Karen has also had the opportunity during the course of her career to work in-house with clients in the energy and forest-products sectors where she focused primarily on procurement, construction and engineering and other contracting matters.

Karen is recognized for her mining expertise by *Best Lawyers*, *Chambers Canada*, *Chambers Global*, and the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

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PATENT | *Agents*

This year, we recognise 38 of the region's finest patent agents, who bring a range of in-depth industry knowledge to bear on the procurement and prosecution of patents for their clients.

Most Highly Regarded

Micheline Gravelle	Kimberly McManus	Stephen Perry
Bereskin & Parr LLP	*Aird & McBurney*	*PCK*
Toronto	Toronto	Toronto

Bereskin & Parr performs highly with seven practitioners listed in this year's guide.

Robert Storey is deemed "one of the best people to work with" on patent enforcement issues in a wide variety of industry sectors.

Micheline Gravelle is lauded as a clear leader in patent work for the life sciences sector and is described as "a particularly active presence in the cannabis field".

Stephen Beney is widely recognised as a leading patent advisor for a wide-ranging clientele and has a particular focus on the medical devices industry.

Philip Mendes da Costa enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market for his deep knowledge of patent rights and management for clients in the oil and gas and mining sectors.

Patricia Folkins is a highly regarded expert in biochemical technology and draws on a wealth of experience with patent portfolios in the area.

Victor Krichker ranks prominently for his extensive expertise in patent licensing for clients in the computer technology industry.

Smart & Biggar excels with six listed practitioners.

Matthew Zischka is extensively experienced in managing patent prosecutions and transactions for clients in the technology sector, including the AI and fintech areas.

Daphne Lainson stands out for her in-depth knowledge of patent regulations and advises clients across the chemical and life sciences sectors.

John Knox is a favourite among peers and clients alike for his top-tier patent application advice in the electronics and software areas.

Stephen Perry at PCK Perry + Currier impresses market commentators with his high-profile global practice in patent advice for technology clients.

Kimberly McManus at Aird & McBurney is a favourite among clients for his first-rate patent drafting and advice on intellectual property issues in the pharmaceutical industry, among others.

Lola Bartoszewicz advises a wide-ranging clientele on patent prosecution and management, with particular expertise in the biochemical field.

Santosh Chari of CPST Intellectual Property draws on extensive experience in strategic patent advice for licensing and portfolio management matters.

Anna Wilkinson at Norton Rose Fulbright wins tributes from market commentators as "a really excellent patent agent" working on procurement matters in the life sciences sector.

Alaka Chatterjee at Vanguard IP is an accomplished patent agent with a wealth of experience in patent application matters within the chemical and biochemical sectors.

Alain Leclerc of Fasken is deemed "an absolute leader in the field" by market sources who admire his deep understanding of intellectual property protection.

Kathleen Marsman at Borden Ladner Gervais is nominated as a go-to name for patent prosecution and drafting in a wide variety of scientific industries.

Natalie Raffoul from Brion Raffoul is commended by commentators for her "thorough and fast-thinking approach" when it comes to software patents.

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Peter Wilcox
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Bereskin & Parr performs well with 11 practitioners highlighted for their performance this year.

Isi Caulder tops our rankings with peers describing her as "a friendly, professional and patient lawyer" who is "very responsive and has great communication skills".

Noel Courage is a highly regarded practitioner who focuses on patent law in the life sciences sector, such as biotechnology, chemicals and mechanical inventions.

Louis-Pierre Gravelle comes highly recommended as a market leader in patent law relating to complex technological matters.

The "extremely personable, diligent and responsive" **Joshua Spicer** is a highly sought-after patent litigator.

The outstanding **Melanie Szweras** focuses her work on patent litigation and licensing in the life science sector.

Goodmans performs exceptionally well with seven listings this year.

Harry Radomski is known as "a master at litigation" and "a very reputable lawyer in the sector".

Andrew Brodkin is described as "a top-notch patent litigator and gentlemen" and is lauded by peers who suggest "he has had more successes in this practice area than anyone else".

Dino Clarizio possesses an impressive track record on intellectual property work in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries.

Commentators describe **Ben Hackett** as "a highlight of the intellectual property field" and "a top-notch and straightforward patent litigator".

With over 25 years of experience in the field, **Richard Naiberg** has built up an impressive portfolio of litigation work on highly technical patent cases across various industries.

Smart & Biggar ranks highly this year with six practitioners listed.

Gunars Gaikis is a market-leading patent litigator with an outstanding track record in the pharmaceuticals sector.

Steven Garland has over 25 years of experience working across various aspects of intellectual property law and has worked with many the world's largest companies in high-profile cases.

The "very renowned" **François Guay** is highlighted for his patent prowess backed up by over 35 years in the intellectual property sector.

Nancy Pei is "an exceptional patent litigator" with a very impressive practice in the intellectual property field.

Torys stands out with four individuals listed.

Andrew Bernstein is a well-respected practitioner who provides exceptional support to clients in various intellectual property matters and patent law.

Yael Bienenstock is an outstanding intellectual property practitioner with a breadth of experience working across the life sciences sector.

Eileen McMahon is "a leading light in the IP space", known for her "great regulatory work in the life sciences arena".

Andrew Shaughnessy comes highly recommended for his work on IP litigation and dispute resolution and has an outstanding track record in complex cases of patent infringement.

Market commentators describe Belmore Neidrauer's **Peter Wilcox** as "a fierce and tenacious lawyer" when it comes to the full gamut of patent-related disputes.

With over 40 years' experience, **Ronald Dimock** from Gowling is known as one of Canada's leading intellectual property lawyers, having acted as litigator, mediator and arbitrator.

Michael Crichton impresses market commentators with his successful IP litigation practice and experience with both domestic and international clients across various industries.

Fasken's **Julie Desrosiers** is a market-leading litigator with an impressive practice in the pharmaceutical industry.

Jason Markwell ranks among the very elite of practitioners in our research for his thorough understanding of complex regulatory and patent disputes.

Norton Rose Fulbright's **Brian Daley** has over 25 years of experience as a patent litigator and focuses on the pharmaceutical industry.

Sana Halwani of Lenczner Slaght tops the market for her experience in patent law across various industries, including pharmaceuticals, biologics and IT.

Jordana Sanft is a very well-known intellectual property litigator who "ticks all the boxes for excellence".

Dominique Hussey of Bennett Jones is "an excellent practitioner" who oversees extremely complex IP cases with ease and has built up an impressive record in the area.

Nisha Anand at Gilbert's Lawyers Patent & Trademark Agents enjoys a fantastic reputation as a leading IP litigator in the technology sector thanks to her strong academic background.

Jamie Mills of DLA Piper is an outstanding lawyer who works in the pharmaceutical industry on various areas such as pricing issues and regulatory law.

Bruce Stratton has over 30 years of experience as an IP practitioner, focusing on IT and technology issues.

Kavita Ramamoorthy at Fineberg Ramamoorthy is praised by her peers for her market-leading work on pharmaceutical patent litigation.

Judith Robinson is known as "an amazing intellectual property and pharmaceutical litigator" with a wealth of experience.

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PRIVATE FUNDS

This year we recognise 27 practitioners for their top-tier work in the field of private funds, where they excel in regulatory and fund management matters.

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Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP	*Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP*	*Stikeman Elliott LLP*
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Borden Ladner Gervais sees five listings in this chapter.

Jason Brooks is a key figure in the investment management sector, where he is recognised for his top-tier advice on the formation, management and operation of public and private funds.

Ronald Kosonic is "a highly reputable alternative funds lawyer" who is well known for advising a wide range of domestic and international funds and portfolio managers.

Craig Webster is a widely admired tax lawyer with a focused practice in investment funds and structured investment products.

Osler Hoskin & Harcourt performs well with four practitioners listed here.

John Black has amassed over two decades of experience skilfully advising clients across matters pertaining to investment management, securities regulation and compliance.

Ed Vandenberg garners high praise as "an extremely fair and competent lawyer" who is "highly knowledgeable regarding applicable market practice".

John Groenewegen is a market stalwart, advising private equity funds and strategic investors in their structuring of and investment into private equity funds.

Gregory Wylie is "a standout tax counsel" for clients operating in the equity funds industry.

A Timothy Baron at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg is highly sought after in the Canadian market and abroad for his adept advice to high-profile and large investment funds.

Sarbjit Basra is a leading adviser to Canadian and international private equity firms, institutions and governments on private fund formation, pooled investment vehicles creation and investment transactions.

Stikeman Elliottt is home to **Alix d'Anglejan-Chatillon**, who stands out in the market for her "vast experience and real focus in regulatory fund matters".

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PRIVATE CLIENT

This chapter highlights 44 highly regarded practitioners for their expertise in succession advice, estate planning and wealth management for companies, families and individuals across Canada and abroad.

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Elie Roth
Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP
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Miller Thomson stands out with seven lawyers listed in this chapter.

Elena Hoffstein impresses market commentators with her first-rate practice, which sees her deftly advise on all areas of estate planning, trusts and pre- and post-mortem planning.

William Fowlis KC receives effusive praise for his considerable experience advising family enterprises, high net-worth individuals and privately owned businesses in all aspects of taxation, succession and estate planning law.

The "very cooperative" **Kelly Charlebois** is widely admired in the market for her "excellent work in estate planning and tax".

Rachel Blumenfeld at Aird & Berlis is "a very strong practitioner in this area" with notable "strength in state administration".

Mark Brender with Osler Hoskin & Harcourt is recognised for his stellar advice to Canadian and international clients on the tax ramifications of corporate transactions, including private equity deals and those involving several jurisdictions.

Martin Lord from Robinson Sheppard Shapiro earns acclaim for his practice specialising in tax planning for the protection and transmission of assets.

Marilyn Piccini Roy is "a go-to in Montreal" for her wealth of experience within the private client sector, particularly when it comes to wealth management, trusts and estates.

At Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg, **Timothy Youdan** is "well-known in the market" for his encyclopaedic knowledge of trusts and estates.

Elie Roth is lauded by market sources as "a very technically sound" private client lawyer who is "a technical thinker in terms of his papers".

Rhonda Rudick is "very well-respected" for her work in estate and tax planning. Respondents add: "She is certainly a senior member of the Bar."

Pamela Cross with Borden Ladner Gervais garners plaudits from peers as "one of the strongest practitioners" in the field of private client, especially highlighted for her skilful tax practice.

The "fabulous" **Edgar Frechette** from Fasken is a regular adviser to British Colombia's high net-worth families and comes praised for his expertise in wealth preservation and succession planning, among other matters.

Corina Weigl is described by market commentators as "a brilliant succession planner" with longstanding experience advising individuals and family businesses across the full gamut of private client matters.

David Steele at Torys ranks highly among peers as "a top-notch practitioner" with "a focused practice in planning".

Paul Gibney of Thorsteinssons is cited by peers as "a tax specialist" and "one of the strongest litigators" in the field. He also has a strong track record as an expert witness.

Richard Niedermayer with Stewart McKelvey is "a particularly notable" figure in the Canadian market with sources stating, "He is a go-to in Nova Scotia."

Brian Cohen from Gowling WLG receives emphatic endorsements from market commentators for his in-depth knowledge of succession planning alternatives. One peer comments: "Brian is certainly somebody who I am very comfortable referring people to."

"The absolutely top-notch" **Nancy Golding KC** of Moodys Tax is an established name in the field, with peers and clients highlighting her as "one of the top people in the province".

Ontario

Jack Bernstein
Aird & Berlis LLP

Jack is one of Canada's preeminent tax lawyers. He is head of the International Tax Group at Aird & Berlis LLP and a senior member of the firm's Tax Group, Estates & Trusts Group and Tax Litigation Group. Jack is well known for his international estate and trust planning work, including global tax planning for ultra-high-net-worth individuals. He frequently works with counterparts and clients on cross-border and multi-jurisdictional matters. Jack has been a frequent speaker at STEP US events.

Jack advises on complex estate plans, sophisticated reversible freezes, family succession and informal mediation of family disputes. He works on family shareholder agreements, pre- and post-nuptial and cohabitation agreements, family trusts, family partnerships and family estate planning. He also helps clients plan for marriages, divorces, emigration and immigration.

His clients have included more than a dozen billionaires, famous recording artists, former heads of state, some of the wealthiest families around the world, presidents of public companies, hedge-fund managers and entrepreneurial clients with businesses worth over $100 million.

Jack has received numerous accolades from legal directories for his expertise. He has been recognized by *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* as a leading tax lawyer and by *Chambers HNW: The World's Leading High Net Worth Advisers* for his expertise in private wealth law. He is also noted in *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, *Legal 500 Canada, The Best Lawyers in Canada* and the *Best Lawyers Global Business Edition 2020* for his expertise in Corporate Tax and Estate & Tax Planning. Jack is a prolific author and editor/author of five books, covering topics including shareholder agreements, family succession planning and taxation of cryptocurrency.

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WWL says: *Jack Bernstein ranks as one of Canada's leading private client practitioners and is renowned for his strong specialism in the full spectrum of tax-related matters.*

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This year we feature 37 practitioners identified for their impressive work across the field of product liability defence.

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Six individuals from Blake, Cassels & Graydon are listed here.

Gordon McKee is hailed as "an awesome senior practitioner" who is highly sought after thanks to his sterling reputation as a leading product liability specialist in Canada.

James Sullivan KC is internationally renowned as "one of the best litigators" within the Canadian product liability community.

Jill Lawrie has amassed significant experience navigating high-profile clients through some of the most landmark product liability disputes.

Borden Ladner Gervais receives six listings in this chapter.

Glenn Zakaib is a seasoned practitioner with longstanding experience working on highly complex product liability claims, especially in the automotive industry.

Brad Dixon stands out as a very well-known practitioner with a wealth of experience in class action defence.

Robert Love receives plaudits as "a product liability generalist" who is "a strong co-defence counsel".

Fasken's **Peter Pliszka** earns acclaim as "a very active member of the product liability bar" and "a well-known practitioner" for clients in the automotive industry.

The "excellent" **Steve Rosenhek** holds a strong reputation in the market for his adept handling of complex product liability disputes and class action litigation.

Amanda Quayle KC with McDougall Gauley is revered for her extensive skill and experience in product liability litigation.

Cheryl Woodin from Bennett Jones is a highly esteemed lawyer who is "well known for the defence of medical devices and other similar litigation".

Scott Maidment at McMillan is a leading lawyer who comes lauded for his top-tier practice acting for a wide range of clients in class actions and matters involving product liability.

At McCarthy Tétrault **Michael Feder KC** is held in high esteem as "one of the best lawyers around" for "the defence of pharmaceutical and medical device lawsuits in particular".

Jill Yates is admired as "an excellent and very well-known" trial attorney owing to her considerable experience defending clients in product liability class actions lawsuits.

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PROJECT FINANCE

This year we highlight 31 leading project finance practitioners who are distinguished for their work handling cases across various sectors, from renewable energy to infrastructure.

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Toronto	Toronto	Toronto

Blake, Cassels & Graydon impresses, with seven practitioners listed in this chapter.

Catherine Doyle is highlighted as "a great lawyer" who is "very active in projects and PPP".

Michael McIntosh KC is "an excellent finance practitioner" with long-standing experience assisting clients with major projects.

Simon Finch is highly regarded for his extensive experience, with sources hailing him as "an expert on the financing side" of projects.

McCarthy Tétrault performs well with five lawyers highlighted here.

Stephen Furlan is a prominent name in the Canadian projects market where he enjoys a leading reputation for his work in energy project finance.

David Lever is singled out for his deep expertise across all aspects of large-scale energy projects.

Joseph Palin is "a very responsive lawyer" with significant experience assisting clients in projects ranging from energy and infrastructure to mining.

Osler Hoskin & Harcourt sees three lawyers listed.

"Solid lawyer" **Chris Bennett** is highly sought after for his profound knowledge of and expertise in PPP projects, especially on the side of lenders.

Danna Donald is highly regarded for her extensive financing experience, with peers hailing her as a reference point in Canada for social and transportation infrastructure deals.

Rocco Sebastiano is an esteemed practitioner with notable experience acting for various project participants in complex infrastructure financings.

Three individuals from Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg are listed.

Nicholas Williams comes widely respected in the market for his top-tier project finance practice assisting companies and governments in their transactions.

Gregory Southam is renowned as a stellar practitioner who is "a frequent market participant" in large-scale projects and financings.

Carol Pennycook enjoys a prominent position in the Canadian project finance space, where peers describe her as "very strong in project finance".

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REAL ESTATE

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Most Highly Regarded

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Juli Morrow
Goodmans LLP
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McCarthy Tétrault sees seven individuals listed for their strong performance in the market.

John Currie is held in high esteem by market observers as "a leader of real estate at a top-tier practice".

Abraham Costin is described by peers as "a well-respected senior lawyer" and "a top-notch guy", known for his real estate expertise.

Market commentators describe **Louis-Martin Dubé** as "a very good and solution-oriented lawyer" with over 30 years of experience in the field.

James Papadimitriou is an accomplished real estate lawyer with a wealth of experience in acquisitions and developments.

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg performs well with six practitioners listed this year.

Anthony Arquin is one of the leading names in real estate law, known for his work on both national and international cases.

Elias Benhamou enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market as "a highly practical lawyer" with over 30 years of experience in issues relating to real estate.

Gregory Howard is a real estate heavyweight that has operated in the field for over 35 years. He's widely regarded as one of the best names in the field.

Gabriella Lombardi gains praise from peers as "an excellent, practical, and top-notch practitioner" with an impressive record working on IPOs and corporate finance transactions.

Bennett Jones performs well with four listings.

Simon Crawford acts on some of the most notable joint venture structure cases in Canada and is "known for his excellence" in complex real estate transactions.

The "practical, responsive, and well-regarded" **John van Gent** is a top name in real estate law.

Clients are consistently impressed by **Paul Mantini** and his prowess in innovative transactions and matters relating to restructuring.

Wayne Whitlock is nominated as the go-to lawyer in real estate loans, lending, zoning and development. His expertise is backed up by a long and illustrious career in the field.

Goodmans excels three lawyers listed this year.

Juli Morrow is internationally renowned as a leading name in the region and stands out for her work on highly complex and technical cases.

Fred Rubinoff is a seasoned adviser who regularly assists on complex commercial leasing deals, purchase and sale transactions, and financing cases.

Andrew Wiseman has "a very prestigious client base" who recommend him as "a deeply experienced franchising lawyer".

Silvana D'Alimonte of Blake, Cassels & Graydon is "an excellent lawyer" and a top name, known for her work on large-scale real estate financings and transactions.

Described as "fantastic" by his peers, **Thomas von Hahn**, is a market leader for his work on joint ventures relating to real estate law.

Stikeman Elliott's **Eric Carmona** is described as being "at the top of his game". He focuses on commercial real estate and has a breadth of experience in all aspects of property transactions.

Stefan Fews is known for his "superior knowledge of the Quebec real estate market" and "extensive experience handling complex commercial transactions, which is informed by a great knowledge of market conditions".

At Fasken, **Andrea Centa** tops our rankings this year with market commentators putting her forward as "a leading figure who is great to work with".

De Grandpré Chait's **Marc Rubin** is a long-standing fixture in the market whom many regard as a leader in Canadian real estate law.

David Dell at Torys has built up an impressive track record across all aspects of real estate law and is lauded by market commentators across Canada.

Sabrina Gherbaz is known for her commercially minded approach to real estate law and her extensive record of successful cases across Canada.

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RESTRUCTURING & INSOLVENCY

In this chapter, WWL presents Canada's 77 foremost restructuring and insolvency lawyers. The individuals listed are well renowned for their extensive experience advising domestic and international clients on complex insolvency, restructuring and recapitalisation issues.

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Stikeman Elliot earns six listings in this chapter.

Elizabeth Pillon is a lauded by peers as "a strong female leader in the practice" with a particular focus on cross-border insolvency litigation and corporate restructuring.

Maria Konyukhovan is a seasoned restructuring and insolvency lawyer with a breadth of experience in litigation and dispute resolution.

The highly distinguished **Ashley Taylor** is a market-leading restructuring and insolvency lawyer with an impressive portfolio of high-profile cases.

Osler Hoskin & Harcourt performs well with five practitioners listed.

Sandra Abitan is a long-standing fixture in the market with over 30 years of experience working on complex and highly technical cross-border reorganising, restructuring and strategic acquisitions.

Jeremy Dacks is one of the best-known litigators in restructuring and insolvency and has a stellar reputation for his work in the field.

Respondents consider **Michael De Lellis** a market leader in complex cases of corporate recapitalisations, proposals and bankruptcies.

With over 30 years of experience in the field, **Tracy Sandler** has built up a formidable reputation for her work on restructuring and insolvency.

Marc Wasserman tops our rankings this year for his impressive domestic and international work on recapitalisations, divestitures and reorganisations.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon sees five individuals listed here.

The well-established **Pamela Huff** has worked on restructuring and insolvency law for over 30 years and is well versed in all aspects of insolvency matters.

Kelly Bourassa is a distinguished practitioner with a wealth of experience in corporate restructuring and insolvency issues across Canada.

Linc Rogers is a well-known name in the field for his work on cross-border restructuring issues related to US law.

Cassels Brock & Blackwell earns four listings in this chapter.

Mary Buttery consistently impresses market commentators with her work in debt restructuring, receivership issues and corporate reorganisations.

Jane Dietrich is praised by her peers as "a very bright lawyer" with a breadth of experience handling complex formal and informal reorganisations.

The highly distinguished **Ryan Jacobs** is a leading practitioner in cross-border restructuring and has acted in numerous high-profile cases.

Shayne Kukulowicz is a seasoned advisor who stands out for his work on creditor remedies, corporate reorganisations and liquidations.

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg sees three lawyers nominated this year.

Robin Schwill earns praise for his proficiency in finding deal-oriented solutions to difficult insolvency and restructuring cases.

Respondents consider **Denis Ferland** a leading figure in the sector for his highly detail-oriented approach to insolvency matters.

Natasha MacParland is highly experienced and ranks as one of the go-to practitioners for complex restructuring and insolvency mandates.

McCarthy Tétrault's **Sean Collins** maintains a strong track record on complex business restructuring and insolvency cases.

James Gage is highly commended by experts in the sector for his work on national and international restructuring and insolvency.

At Bennett Jones, **Chris Simard** is lauded for his work on bankruptcy and restructuring matters and comes highly recommended by market commentators.

Experts in the field commend **Sean Zweig** for his market-leading and highly technical work on behalf of insolvent corporations, creditors, shareholders and trustees.

Robert Chadwick with Goodmans is a market leader in restructuring and insolvency and is highly skilled in cross-border proceedings.

Brendan O'Neill tops our rankings this year due to his proficiency in strategic bankruptcy acquisitions and mass tort restructurings.

Scott Bomhof from Torys has worked on many of Canada's most significant restructuring and insolvency cases, earning him widespread endorsements from peers.

Robert Thornton from Thornton Grout Finnigan is one of the most highly regarded lawyers in the sector and is known for his impressive practice in restructuring and insolvency law.

Grant Moffat is a market-leading practitioner known for his expertise in creditors' rights in relation to restructuring and insolvency cases.

Norton Rose Fulbright's **Howard Gorman** ranks among the very elite of practitioners in our research for his work on workout and recovery, insolvency and commercial disputes.

Jennifer Stam is a clear leader in the field and is described by her peers as "one of the strongest insolvency lawyers out there".

Borden Ladner Gervais is home to **Joseph Krüger KC** who has over four decades of experience in the sector and is widely regarded as a market leader in complex insolvency briefs.

John Sandrelli with Dentons earns strong praise for his impressive and groundbreaking work across a wide variety of cases related to restructuring and insolvency.

Market commentators praise **Steven Weisz** at Cozen O'Connor for his work as commercial litigator on extremely complicated domestic and cross-border insolvencies.

Harvey Chaiton of Chaitons ranks highly thanks to his strong work advising domestic and international public corporations and financial institutions on issues related to restructuring, bankruptcy and receiverships.

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RESTRUCTURING & INSOLVENCY | *Advisers*

This year, WWL highlights 23 outstanding restructuring and insolvency advisers who provide stellar advice in relation to financial restructuring, refinancing transactions, turnarounds for distressed companies and wind-downs.

Most Highly Regarded

Bobby Kofman	Doug McIntosh	Gregory N Prince
KSV Advisory	*Alvarez & Marsal*	*PricewaterhouseCoopers*
Toronto	Toronto	Toronto

FTI Consulting performs exceptionally this year with four practitioners listed.

Paul Bishop is a seasoned advisor who regularly advises struggling companies in the formulation and implementation of reorganisation strategies.

The highly regarded **Deryck Helkaa** is a specialist at providing restructuring and transaction advice to corporate clients.

Greg Watson is a market leader in restructuring and insolvency cases and regularly represents shareholders, management and boards of directors in their restructuring negotiations.

Adam Zalevs is a well-established practitioner with over 15 years' experience in corporate finance and restructuring mandates.

EY sees three practitioners included this year.

Murray McDonald is a highly skilled expert in restructuring and insolvency and has extensive experience across many of Canada's largest cross-border corporate cases.

Alex Morrison is a favourite among clients who praise his technical prowess and experience in a wide variety of cases relating to restructuring, bankruptcy and insolvency.

Martin Rosenthal is a well-known financial adviser with a strong reputation for his work across various issues relating to restructuring and insolvency.

PwC's **Gregory Prince** performs exceptionally this year for his work on restructuring, insolvency and transactional advisory services.

At Alvarez & Marsal, **Doug McIntosh** earns glowing endorsements from peers for his restructuring practice. One source notes: "He is widely regarded in Canada as being one of a handful of pre-eminent leaders among financial advisors."

KSV Advisory's **Bobby Kofman** is singled out as a "smart, practical and aggressive" practitioner who excels across a diverse range of sectors.

British Columbia

Todd Martin
Alvarez & Marsal

Todd Martin is a managing director with Alvarez & Marsal Canada in Vancouver, British Columbia.

He was formerly a partner with KPMG LLP in Canada, serving as partner-in-charge of transaction advisory in Western Canada, as well as chairman and a director of KPMG Inc, their restructuring practice.

Mr Martin brings more than 25 years of experience acting in statutory restructuring appointments and court-sanctioned mandates in Canada, including engagements as a monitor under the Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act (CCAA) and all formal insolvency appointments under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Canada).

He also has extensive experience serving as a financial adviser to corporate debtors and boards, senior secured lenders and syndicates, bondholders, trading houses, regulators, governments and sovereign credit insurers. Notable engagements include acting as court-appointed monitor under the CCAA and foreign representative under Chapter 15 of the US Bankruptcy Code of Angiotech Pharmaceuticals and Interwind Corp., monitor under the CCAA of Mountain Equipment Co-operative, North American Tungsten Corp., Sterling Shoes Inc, financial adviser to the DIP lenders in the CCAA restructuring of Catalyst Paper and Court appointed Receiver of select commercial properties holdings of the Strategic Group of Companies.

Mr Martin has significant international restructuring experience, having acted as financial adviser to the Indonesian Bank Restructuring Agency, and as financial adviser to the Creditors' Steering Committee in the consensual debt restructuring of Asia Pulp & Paper Co (Indonesia and China). Additional experience includes assisting with the development and implementation of a Scheme of Arrangement in the liquidation of Bank of Credit and Commerce International (Hong Kong).

He has also worked within the forestry, pulp and paper and other natural resource and energy sectors, acting in numerous operating receiverships and turnarounds involving going-concern divestitures. Mr Martin was lead partner responsible for the receivership and day-to-day management of one of Canada's largest market pulp producers, and also led the divestiture of the pulp facility and operations to an international strategic buyer. His experience also includes financial institutions, insurance and securities firms, as well as real estate development and construction companies.

Mr Martin earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Simon Fraser University and holds professional designations as a chartered professional accountant, chartered insolvency and restructuring professional and a Canadian licensed insolvency trustee.

He is a past director of the Canadian Insolvency Foundation, served on the commercial insolvency committee of CAIRP and is a member of the Insolvency Institute of Canada and INSOL.

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WWL says: *Todd Martin is a distinguished practitioner with a deep knowledge of restructuring matters, described by sources as being "at the forefront of the market in British Colombia and abroad".*

Anthony Tillman
Alvarez & Marsal

Anthony Tillman is a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal in Vancouver, British Columbia. He specialises in formal and informal restructurings, and has acted as an advisor to corporate debtors, boards, lenders, and other stakeholders facing financial difficulties.

With more than 20 years of restructuring experience, Mr. Tillman has worked across Western Canada and the United States on many major restructuring projects.

Mr. Tillman's notable assignments include acting as Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) Monitor of Entrec Corporation (TSX:ENT), Monitor of Sunniva Inc. (CNX:SNN), Monitor of Miniso Canada, Monitor of Walter Energy Canada Holdings Ltd. (subsidiary of Walter Energy, NYSE:WLT), Monitor of RB Energy Ltd. (TSX:RBI), Trustee under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act proposal proceedings of Legend Energy Canada, Court appointed Receiver of Copper Sky Limited Partnership, Can-Pacific Farms and the Pallan Group, Ltd. and financial adviser to the City of Vancouver in respect of the Southeast False Creek Development.

Mr. Tillman has worked with clients across various industries, including mining (coal, precious and base metals), forestry (logging, lumber and pulp and paper), energy, real estate development, retail, software development, distribution, business services and various manufacturing sectors.

Prior to joining A&M, Mr. Tillman spent 19 years with KPMG in Vancouver, where he most recently served as the Partner leading KPMG's restructuring practice in British Columbia.

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WWL says: *Anthony Tillman is a favourite among clients who praise his expertise in the financial aspects of restructuring and insolvency mandates.*

Al Hutchens
Alvarez & Marsal

Al Hutchens, is a managing director with Alvarez & Marsal Canada. He is in his thirteenth year with the firm and is based in A&M's Toronto office. With more than 25 years of turnaround and restructuring experience, Mr Hutchens has advised a broad range of clients, including corporate boards and management, lending syndicates and secured creditors. He brings extensive experience in the review and development of business plans and financial projections; assessment of restructuring alternatives; analysis of debt capacity; and the negotiation of credit, inter-lender, and purchase and sale agreements. Mr Hutchens has assisted clients across a broad range of industries, including retail, construction, mining, financial services, manufacturing and automotive. Recent assignments include serving as: financial advisor to Toys "R" Us Canada in connection with its CCAA proceedings, financial advisor to the ABL and term DIP lenders to Sears Canada, CCAA monitor of HB White Canada (construction), CCAA information officer of Payless Shoes and Modular Space Holdings, CCAA monitor of Express Canada (retail), CCAA monitor of Target Canada, CCAA monitor of Arctic Glacier and interim chief financial officer of Extreme Fitness (prior to and during its CCAA proceedings). Mr Hutchens holds a bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of Ottawa. He is a chartered professional accountant (CA,CPA), chartered insolvency and restructuring professional (CIRP), and a licensed insolvency trustee (LIT). Mr Hutchens is a member of the Insolvency Institute of Canada (IIC), Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals (CAIRP), and the Turnaround Management Association (TMA).

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Doug McIntosh is a managing director with Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC in Toronto. Mr McIntosh leads A&M's practice in Canada and is also a member of the executive committee for the firm's commercial restructuring business in North America.

Mr McIntosh, a recognised leader in the Canadian restructuring industry, bringing over 35 years of turnaround and restructuring experience to A&M. He has been involved in a number of engagements involving cross-border operations, including concurrent CCAA and Chapter 11 and Chapter 15 filings and court-appointed receiverships. He has been involved in restructuring and insolvency cases in numerous industries, most notably in real estate, retail, manufacturing, energy, media, pulp and paper, construction technology, transportation, building products, hospitality, and agriculture. Mr McIntosh's notable public engagements include acting as financial adviser to the ABL and term lenders to Sears Canada, CCAA monitor of Target Canada Co, CCAA monitor of Express Canada, financial adviser to Golf Town and Golfsmith, financial adviser to the senior secured lender group of Canwest Publishing, financial adviser to the senior secured lender syndicate of Bowater Canadian Forest Products Inc, financial adviser to Arclin Canada Inc, CCAA monitor of InterTAN (Circuit City), CCAA monitor and Chapter 15 representative of MAAX Corporation, financial adviser to the senior secured lending syndicate of Lone Pine Resources Inc and financial adviser to IBI Group.

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Doug McIntosh (cont.)

Alvarez & Marsal

Mr McIntosh was one of the leading players in the comprehensive insolvency reform process in Canada from 2000 to 2007, serving as vice chair of the joint task force steering committee on insolvency reform and on the joint legislative review task force committee, responding to draft Bill C-55 to Industry Canada and the standing parliamentary house committee. Mr McIntosh earned a bachelor's degree in commerce from Queen's University, where he has served as chair and past chair of the advisory board to the School of Business since 1999.

He is a chartered professional accountant, chartered insolvency and restructuring professional, and a Canadian licensed insolvency trustee. Mr McIntosh is a frequent speaker on restructuring matters, is a member of the Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals and was on the board of directors of the Insolvency Institute of Canada from 2009 to 2016, serving as president of the IIC from 2012 to 2014. Mr McIntosh was named a fellow of the Insolvency Institute of Canada in 2014 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession, and led the A&M team that was presented with the International Turnaround of the Year Award in 2015 for IBI Group.

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

This year, WWL shines the light on 47 outstanding practitioners distinguished by their first-class work across sports, gaming and gambling law.

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Carolyn Stamegna
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Bob Tarantino
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Dentons leads the market with seven listings.

Bob Tarantino receives worldwide endorsements for his entertainment practice which sees him advise on IP matters related to production, licensing, financing and distribution.

Juliet Smith sits among the foremost entertainment lawyers in the market thanks to her wealth of experience advising US and Canadian institutions on film and television production.

Jim Russell is a go-to name for project financing and co-ventures in the entertainment industry and has notable expertise in IP rights.

Ken Dhaliwal possesses over 20 years of experience advising producers, broadcasters and studios on entertainment and IP law.

Goodmans performs well with five listings.

David Zitzerman garners plaudits for his first-rate entertainment practice, which sees him regularly represent the full spectrum of clients, from Hollywood studios to private equity investors.

Carolyn Stamegna distinguishes herself as a go-to name when it comes to transactional matters in the film, television and media sectors.

Tara Parker is one of the best-known entertainment lawyers in Canada, praised for her knowledge of financing, joint ventures and rights acquisition.

Stohn Hay Cafazzo Dembroski Richmond achieves three listings.

Diana Cafazzo is highly regarded by peers and clients alike who praise her top-notch entertainment practice encompassing all aspects of production and development, including M&A and co-ventures.

Ron Hay is a seasoned entertainment specialist whose standout practice advises clients on rights, production and distribution.

Angelika Heim impresses market commentators with her strategic advice on transactional matters, talent agreements and IP protection.

Innovative Dispute Resolution's **Richard McLaren** garners strong praise from market observers as "the world's premier sports lawyer and arbitrator".

Jonathan Dyck from Miller Thomson comes highly recommended by clients in the film and television industries for his transactional and project financing know-how.

Dean Chenoy ranks highly among peers thanks to his encyclopaedic knowledge of entertainment law and experience representing clients in the film, television, virtual reality and video gaming industries.

Christina Buchli of Buchli Goldstein is a highly regarded practitioner with an impeccable knowledge of production, financing, licensing and distribution matters in the entertainment industry.

Hilary Goldstein is a "solution-oriented" practitioner who excels in the development, production and exploitation of film and television properties.

Independent practitioner **Gordon Kirke KC** is a highly respected practitioner with "a strong reputation in sports law and mediation".

Rimon Law's **Saverio (Sam) Coppola** is a distinguished practitioner with a wealth of experience guiding clients in the entertainment industry on the full gamut of tax matters.

Casey Chisick at Cassels Brock & Blackwell is a top name in the market, recommended for transactional and IP matters in the entertainment industry.

Susan Abramovitch with Gowling is a market-leading entertainment lawyer who is highly sought after for her transactional and contractual expertise, as well as her skill in dispute resolution.

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TRADE & CUSTOMS

Here, we feature 45 of the top trade and customs lawyers based in Canada. Each of these lawyers are distinguished for their leading work on international trade, with expertise in both the commercial and regulatory aspects of the field.

Most Highly Regarded

Victoria Bazan
Bazan Law
Toronto

John W Boscariol
McCarthy Tétrault
Toronto

J Peter Clark
Grey, Clark, Shih and Associates Limited
Ottawa

Christopher J Kent
Cassidy Levy Kent
Ottawa

Cassidy Levy Kent excels with five listings.

Christopher Kent earns plaudits as an "extremely methodical" practitioner who is able to forge "a great commercial relationship between suppliers and retailers".

Christopher Cochlin is regarded by market sources as "an excellent trade lawyer who is in his prime".

Andrew Lanouette is reputed as "a problem solver and great advocate for clients before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal".

Conlin Bedard performs well with four listings.

Paul Conlin is acclaimed as "a top-tier trade litigator" who maintains an "outstanding client-oriented boutique practice".

Benjamin Bedard is an "organised, thorough and effective lawyer, possessing deep understanding of the CBSA and the CITT complaint process".

Anne-Marie Oatway is lauded for her "strong work ethic, persistence and preparation, leaving no stone unturned at hearings".

McCarthy Tétrault achieves three listings.

John Boscariol is highly praised as "a preeminent lawyer for export control sanctions" and "one of Canada's leading practitioners".

Robert Glasgow is "an up-and-coming lawyer" who produces exceptional results for his international trade clients.

Martha Harrison is "a stellar disputes lawyer" who impresses market sources with "her utter capabilities" in the field.

Peter Clark of Grey, Clark, Shih and Associates distinguishes himself as a go-to name in the market for his experience as counsel and arbitrator in complex trade disputes.

Victoria Bazan with Bazan Law is lauded as "an excellent anti-dumping lawyer" as well as "a well-seasoned advocate for importer and domestic clients alike".

At Millar Kreklewetz, **Robert Kreklewetz** is a distinguished tax and trade litigator, highlighted for his comprehensive practice spanning all aspects of international trade.

Market sources applaud **Jack Millar** for his "very strong trade practice" that has spanned across decades.

Greg Kanargelidis of Kanargelidis Global Trade & Customs Law is "a superb lawyer possessing deep knowledge of customs law" and "fantastic relations with the CBSA".

Impressed market sources attest that **Paul Lalonde** at Dentons is "one of the best practitioners of trade logistics and compliance".

Jesse Goldman from Borden Ladner Gervais is regarded as "a top-tier lawyer" with "diversified experience spanning all aspects of international trade litigation".

Jonathan O'Hara at McMillan has built up a reputation as "one of the best trade lawyers in the country" and is "known for his meticulous, focused and creative approach".

Market sources proclaim that **Peter Kirby** of Kirby Law Office is "simply the best in the practice area" and "one of the founding fathers of Canadian trade and customs law".

The "exceptionally competent and collegial" **Darrel Pearson** with Bennett Jones has been "a favoured Canadian reference for years" due to his record of achieving outstanding results for clients.

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Jennifer Morton
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Janice Bereskin at Bereskin & Parr is lauded by market commentators for her work on Canadian and international trademark cases, particularly related to in search analysis, filing applications and cancellation proceedings.

Terry Edwards has built a strong reputation for her work in clearance, prosecution, and protection in relation to trademark law.

Clients are consistently impressed by the highly respected and accomplished **Peter Milne** at Gowling WLG for his work in patent and trademark prosecution.

Jennifer Morton has nearly 30 years of experience in the sector and is one of the best-known trademark agents in Canada.

Antonio Turco at CPST Intellectual Property is a long-standing fixture in the intellectual property field and focuses his practice trademark disputes. He has assisted several high-profile clients with large international cases.

Heidi Jensen of Jensen & Company consistently performs well in our research. She specialises in trademark clearance, protections and enforcement.

Karin Binder at Richards Buell Sutton is a distinguished practitioner with a wealth of experience working with small and multinational corporations across all levels of trademark work.

Lorraine Pinsent of MLT Aikins has built up an impressive trademark practice that is held in high esteem by commentators in the sector. She manages a number of large international trademark portfolios for various clients.

Christine de Lint at Miller Thomson is a seasoned specialist with over 20 years' experience working in the trademark industry.

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TRADEMARKS

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Daniel R Bereskin KC *Bereskin & Parr* Toronto	Laurent Carrière *Robic LLP* Montreal	Daniel S Drapeau *DrapeauLex Inc* Montreal
Mark Evans *Smart & Biggar* Toronto	Kelly Gill *Gowling WLG* Toronto	Philip Lapin *Smart & Biggar* Ottawa

Bereskin & Parr has performed exceptionally with, eight practitioners highlighted this year.

Daniel Bereskin KC is a distinguished lawyer who peers describe as "an excellent practitioner" and "a senior figure in the field".

With over 30 years' experience in contentious and non-contentious trademark law, **Susan Keri** is a long-standing and well-respected fixture in the market.

R Scott MacKendrick has built up an impressive intellectual property practice, with a particularly strong focus on litigation in relation to trademark matters.

Mark Robbins draws praise from market commentators for his work on complex trademark protection and enforcement issues.

Smart & Biggar has performed very well this year, with six practitioners listed for their outstanding work.

The "excellent, knowledgeable, and highly responsive" **Christian Bolduc** stands out for his top-tier work in trademark issues.

Market commentators describe **Mark Evans** as "highly recommendable" and "an excellent lawyer" for his work on numerous high-profile cases in Canada.

Philip Lapin has an excellent track record of IP-related mandates and is highly recommended by his peers for his work on trademark opposition and cancellation proceedings in particular.

Robic has done very well with four individuals included in this year's listing.

The "fantastic" **Catherine Bergeron** is one of the best-known practitioners in trademark prosecution, litigation and the strategic management of portfolios.

Laurent Carrière comes "highly recommended" by peers for his work across various aspects of intellectual property law and his focus on trademarks and copyrights.

Barry Gamache excels on the Canadian intellectual property stage, with over 30 years' experience and many high-profile and influential trademark disputes.

Bob Sotiriadis is lauded by peers in the IP space as "a brilliant litigator" who is "amazing to work with".

Anthony Prenol at CPST Intellectual Property is highlighted as a go-to lawyer for trademark prosecution across a wide variety of industries.

Antonio Turco is recognised as a seasoned litigator and negotiator who focuses his work on litigation cases related to intellectual property and the management of trademark portfolios.

Chantal Desjardins of Lavery de Billy is an accomplished intellectual property lawyer with an advanced trademark practice.

Isabelle Jomphe is known for her expertise in trademark law, specifically in clearance searches, filing strategies, opposition proceedings and litigation.

Kelly Moffatt at Osler Hoskin & Harcourt regularly advises sophisticated business clients and has experience in consumer protection, marketing, and distribution.

Donna White is a top name, recommended for her expertise in domestic and international trademark counselling, licences, enforcement, as well as a number of other related issues.

Kelly Gill at Gowling WLG is a trademark specialist deemed "an excellent and strong litigator" by peers in the field.

Market commentators describe **Justine Wiebe** at Borden Ladner Gervais as "very skilled and technical" with a market-leading practice covering various aspects of trademark law.

Clients are consistently impressed by **Marijo Coates** of Deeth Williams Wall for her work nationally and internationally in the prosecution and enforcement of trademarks.

Daniel Drapeau of DrapeauLex Inc is a specialist intellectual property practitioner who has managed leading trademark and copyright portfolios across Canada and internationally.

Henry Lue at Wilson Lue is praised by his peers as "a very wise and pragmatic attorney, and an absolute pleasure to work with", with excellent experience across various trademark issues.

Dominique Hussey of Bennett Jones is recommended by market commentators as "an excellent lawyer" with a wealth of experience in intellectual property law.

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TRANSPORT | *Aviation*

This year, we feature 32 Canadian lawyers known for their leading work on contentious issues as well as regulatory compliance within the aviation industry.

Most Highly Regarded

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Carlos P Martins
WeirFoulds
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Blake, Cassels & Graydon excels with three listings.

The "senior and highly experienced" **Donald Gray** is considered "the single most recognised lawyer in the Canadian aviation space".

Auriol Marasco is a stand-out practitioner due to his "excellent application of privacy, data and technology elements to the laws surrounding UAVs".

Jason MacIntyre is regarded as "an excellent lawyer who is focused on resolving matters diligently" for his aerospace clients.

DLA Piper performs well with four listings.

Market sources report that **Catherine Pawluch** is "well regarded and highly respected in the aviation field" for her "impressive regulatory work".

Andrew McFarlane is sought after for "his strong understanding of international air finance, debt structures and creditor rights".

Laura Safran KC possesses "a wealth of experience in aviation" and is exceptionally skilled with aircraft transactions, contentious claims and regulatory matters.

Paterson MacDougall achieves three listings.

Clay Hunter is reputed as "a top-notch attorney" with specialised knowledge in filing personal injury, insurance and cargo claims.

Bruce MacDougall KC is nominated as "the top aviation practitioner in Canada" for his deep expertise in insurance defence matters.

Impressed sources praise **Carol McCall** for her first-rate practice, which spans insurance claims and regulatory compliance.

Carlos Martins with WeirFoulds is "a renowned regulatory lawyer" who demonstrates "a deep command of aviation regulatory requirements".

YYZ Law's **William Clark** wins acclaim for his dedication to the commercial and regulatory aspects of Canadian aviation.

Ehsan Monfared is praised for being "extremely active in the field" as a legal counsel on financial and regulatory matters.

Market commentators regard **Patrick Brennan** from Bennett Jones as "one of the leaders in the aircraft finance practice area in Canada".

The "knowledgeable and practical" **Colby Dewart** at Burnet Duckworth & Palmer is "focused and efficient in closing deals" for his corporate clients.

Michael Feldman with Torys is a seasoned practitioner with extensive knowledge of aircraft financing and derivatives.

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TRANSPORT | *Shipping*

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Norton Rose Fulbright performs well with three practitioners listed.

Shelley Chapelski is a leading figure in the transport field with a wealth of knowledge in the transactional and litigious aspects of maritime trade.

John Bromley KC is a top-tier maritime lawyer with extensive experience advising on contractual matters such as charterparty and affreightment agreements.

Andrew Stainer is well known for his award-winning litigation practice that focuses on casualty and emergency response, damage claims and vessel arrest.

Bernard excels with three listings.

David Jones features prominently for his maritime litigation practice that spans regulatory compliance, damage claims and oil pollution.

Peter Swanson is a go-to expert on matters involving vessel security, maritime liens and various forms of disputes.

Impressed sources consider **Gary Wharton** to be "at the top of the market in terms of maritime defence work".

Brisset Bishop achieves three listings.

David Colford is a renowned maritime contract specialist with ample experience testifying before admiralty and civil courts.

Richard Desgagnés is "an outstanding lawyer" with broad transportation experience, having represented both maritime and aircraft shippers on a variety of contentious issues.

Danièle Dion receives accolades for her well-rounded transportation practice that encompasses affreightment, vessel acquisitions and port state controls.

De Man Pillet's **Marc de Man** is praised for his shipping practice spanning ship arrests and international commercial transactions.

Matthew Hamerman is highly recommended for his broad transportation experience that covers cargo claims and insurance disputes.

Barry Oland at Oland & Co is a senior statesman in the shipping and maritime field, possessing unrivalled expertise conducting damage investigations for vessels, docks and cargo.

Peter Cullen of Stikeman Elliott is "a very well-regarded practitioner" who manages commercial transactions and carriage contracts for the largest shipping organisations in Canada.

John O'Connor with Langlois Lawyers is a pre-eminent maritime and commercial lawyer, known for his expertise in P&I liability, general average and indemnity insurance.

William Sharpe from ROUTE Transport & Trade Law is lauded for his comprehensive work involving transportation regulations and commercial transactions.

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