



## HARRY DAHME


### Partner


Leader - Toronto Environmental Law Group, Certified Specialist  
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## Harry Dahme

Harry Dahme is a partner in Gowling WLG's Toronto office and past leader of the firm's Environmental Law Group. He has practised exclusively in the area of environmental law since 1984, and has a solid reputation as one of the foremost environmental lawyers in

Canada. Harry is certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a specialist in environmental law, and is described by Who's Who Legal: Canada 2014 as "widely regarded as a leading authority in the field," by Legal 500 Canada 2017 as "absolutely fantastic" and by Acritas Stars 2017 as "an acknowledged expert in environmental law."

Harry has been involved in all aspects of environmental law. He regularly advises on environmental risks in corporate transactions. He advises corporations and boards of directors on the development and maintenance of corporate environmental due diligence programs. He provides ongoing regulatory advice to businesses in a wide variety of sectors and has an active advocacy practice, which includes defence to prosecutions, appeals to various tribunals, including the Environmental Review Tribunal, and civil litigation with respect to environmental claims.

Harry also has specialized expertise in a variety of areas:

- He has represented provincial agencies, municipalities, proponents and opponents in respect of **waste management** related matters since 1984.
- In addition to his general expertise relating to **water and wastewater**, he is an acknowledged expert on outsourcing and private sector operation of water and wastewater facilities.
- Harry's expertise relating to **chemical substances** includes representing importers, manufacturers and suppliers with respect to registration and licensing of chemical substances, and responding to proposed regulatory control or elimination from use of chemical substances.
- His experience in respect of **contaminated sites** and **Brownfield redevelopment** has been widely recognized. He regularly advises on environmental aspects of property transactions, and remediation and redevelopment of Brownfields.

Harry has achieved numerous other recognitions for environmental law. He is also recognized as a leading infrastructure and energy lawyer.

## Expertise

Energy

Infrastructure

Financial Institutions & Services

Life Sciences

Automotive

Natural Resources

Climate Change and Environmental Law

Environmental Litigation

Chemicals

Canada North

Government Affairs

## Career & Recognition

### 2020

April

[Acritas Stars 2020](#)

April

[Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2020](#)

February

[Chambers Global 2020](#)

### 2019

November

[Legal 500 Canada 2020](#)

October

[Who's Who Legal: Environment 2019](#)

September

[Lexpert Special Edition – Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers 2019](#)

September

[Chambers Canada 2020](#)

August

[Lexpert Special Edition - Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2019](#)

August

[The Best Lawyers in Canada 2020](#)

April

[Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2019](#)

February  
Chambers Global 2019

January  
Acritas Stars 2019

January  
Acritas Stars 2019

## **2018**

December  
Legal 500 Canada 2019

September  
Chambers Canada 2019

August  
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019

August  
Lexpert/ROB Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2018

August  
Who's Who Legal: Environment 2018

April  
Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2018

February  
Chambers Global 2018

January  
Acritas Stars 2018

Lexpert/ROB Special Edition on Infrastructure: Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers  
2018

**2017**

December  
Legal 500 Canada 2018

November  
Who's Who Legal: Canada 2017

October  
Who's Who Legal: Environment 2017

October  
Lexpert/ROB Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2017

September  
Chambers Canada 2018

September  
Lexpert's 2017/2018 Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining

August  
Best Lawyers in Canada 2018

May  
Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2017

January  
Acritas Stars 2017

Expert Guides (Euromoney): Energy and Environment 2017

## **2016**

November

Legal 500 Canada 2017

October

Chambers Canada 2017

October

Who's Who Legal: Environment 2016

August

Lexpert Special Edition on Leading Canadian Lawyers in Infrastructure

August

The Best Lawyers in Canada 2017

June

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2016

Chambers Global 2016

## **2015**

December

Lexpert's Leading Lawyers in Energy 2015

December

Who's Who Legal: Canada 2015

November

Who's Who Legal: Environment 2015

November

Chambers Canada 2016

September  
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2016

September  
Lexpert/ROB Special Edition on Infrastructure: Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers

September  
The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2015

July  
Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2015

April  
Chambers Global 2015

## **2014**

December  
Lexpert lists Gowlings as the top environmental law firm in Toronto

November  
Lexpert's Leading Lawyers in Energy 2014

October  
Lexpert's Guide to Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers 2014

October  
Who's Who Legal: Canada 2014

September  
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2015

September  
Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2014

July  
Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2014

April  
Chambers Global 2014

## **2013**

December  
Lexpert's guide to Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers

November  
Who's Who Legal: Canada 2013

October  
Lexpert - Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers 2013

October  
Who's Who Legal - The International Who's Who of Environment Lawyers 2013

September  
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2014

May  
Starbucks International Excellence in Diversity Award

April  
Chambers Global 2013

February  
The Best Lawyers in Canada® 2013

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Leading Energy Lawyer, 2013-2017



## **2012**

December

Who's Who Legal: Canada 2012

October

Lexpert Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers 2012

July

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2012

July

Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2012

June

PLC Which Lawyer? 2012

April

Chambers Global 2012

February

The Best Lawyers in Canada 2012

Chambers Global (Environmental Law), 2012-2016

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Leading Infrastructure Lawyer, 2012-2015

## **2011**

December

Who's Who Legal 2011

May

Who's Who Legal - The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, 2011

March  
PLC Which Lawyer? 2011

February  
The Best Lawyers in Canada® 2011

February  
Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory , 2011

The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, 2011-2015

Who's Who Legal: Environment, 2011-2015

## **2010**

February  
The Best Lawyers in Canada® 2010

February  
Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory , 2010

Listed as a leading environmental lawyer in Canada in the Environment Handbook  
2010/11, Fifth Edition, published by Practical Law Company

Listed in the Guide to the World's Leading Environmental Lawyers, 2010

Listed in the Guide to the World's Leading Environmental Lawyers

Listed as a leading environmental lawyer in Canada in the Environment Handbook  
2010/11, Fifth Edition, published by Practical Law Company

**2006**

Best Lawyers in Canada, Leading Lawyer in Environmental Law, 2006-2015

**2005**

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (Environmental Law), 2005-2015

**1984**

Year of Call, Ontario

**1982**

Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB

**1977**

University of Toronto, BSc.

**1972**

York University, Fine Arts, 1972-1974

Certified by the Law Society as a Specialist in Environmental Law

## Memberships

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Upper Canada

## Representative Work

- **Pest Control Products Regulation** – Advised international companies on the application of pest control product regulation to laboratory and home product filters, including those using novel nanomaterials and UV light. Assisted with securing clarity and clearance from the Pest Management Regulatory Agency with respect to importation of such products into Canada.
- **COVID-19 Antibacterial Product Use and Regulation** – Advised international auto-manufacturer on the approval, importation and use of various disinfectant products to assist with rapid reopening of manufacturing capabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Use of Novel Nano-Materials** – Advised American companies on the requirements for Canadian approval and novel use of nano-materials for antibacterial purposes.
- **Pesticide & Fertilizer Registration and Regulation** – Advise companies on the Canadian registration status and registration process, as well as compliance issues surrounding manufacturing, importation and use, for pesticides and fertilizers, as required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
- **Chemicals in Feeds** – Advised corporation on labelling requirements for chemicals falling under the Feeds Act and Regulations, administered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
- **Chemical Reporting** – Advised popular essential oils company on the Canadian chemical reporting process as it relates to the Domestic Substances List, the Non-Domestic Substances List, and New Substance Notification requirements.