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Edward (Ted) G. Betts

Ted Betts is a lawyer and partner in Gowling WLG's Toronto office. He practises corporate, construction and infrastructure law and is the Head of the firm's Infrastructure and Construction Group. A Certified Specialist in construction law, he has more than 20 years of experience in the construction and infrastructure sectors.

In particular, Ted regularly acts as quarterback on large-scale construction, infrastructure and development projects co-ordinating and supervising the timely and cost-effective delivery of project documents, regulatory and government approvals, tax structuring, OHS planning, insurance and risk advice and strategic advice from other legal specialists.

Ted acts on all aspects of tendering, negotiating and drafting of construction contracts, structuring, project management, financing and sales. He has developed specialized expertise in negotiating and drafting construction contracts on large-scale construction, P3/infrastructure and development projects. He works in all sectors that involve construction projects, including commercial construction, real estate development, infrastructure and civil works, power and energy (nuclear, hydro-electric and solar power generating stations), mining and transit/transportation. He has drafted and negotiated all types of contracts and project structures, including construction management, design-build, EPC/EPCM, and consulting agreements.

Ted's recent construction and infrastructure projects include the rehabilitation of a major Canada-US cross-border bridge, a US\$35 billion nuclear power plant in the Middle East, the campus expansion and property development for a major Canadian university, the Revitalization Project for Toronto Community Housing, and several light rail transit projects. He regularly acts for developers on large urban multi-use development projects.

He also has a broad corporate/commercial practice which consists of all aspects of the purchase and sale of businesses, corporate and project finance, private equity investments and commercial transactions. He advises a number of clients, particularly financial service providers and technology companies, on their corporate development and growth, and their acquisitions and financings, as well as their commercial activities and regulatory matters.

Ted is recognized as a leading construction, infrastructure and projects lawyer by Chambers, Lexpert and Legal 500 Canada and as a leading corporate lawyer in The Best Lawyers in Canada. He has also written papers and presented seminars on tendering and construction, shareholders agreements and general corporate law. Ted currently is the Chair of the Construction and Infrastructure Law Section Executive of the Ontario Bar Association (OBA). He is also the chair of the OBA's Construction Lien Act Reform Committee.

Ted is spearheading Gowling WLG's efforts to report and advise on Bill 142, the Construction Lien Amendment Act, 2017 and the Ontario government's efforts to introduce significant reforms and changes to the Construction Act (Ontario).

Ted is President and Chair of the Board of Directors of Family Service Toronto, one of the largest and oldest charitable organizations in Toronto. He also coaches community-level hockey. In 2013, Ted was recognized by the province of Ontario for his volunteer services, receiving a Volunteer Service Award.

Expertise

Financial Institutions & Services

Infrastructure

Construction & Engineering

Energy

Natural Resources

Nuclear

Corporate Commercial

Projects

Real Estate

Construction Law Reform: Prompt payment, adjudication, and modernization

Career & Recognition

2020

April

Acritas Stars 2020

April

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2020

March

Lexpert Special Edition: Mining 2020

2019

November

Legal 500 Canada 2020

September

Lexpert Special Edition – Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers 2019

September

Chambers Canada 2020

August

Special Edition – Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2019

August

The Best Lawyers in Canada 2020

April

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2019

January

Acritas Stars 2019

2018

December

Legal 500 Canada 2019

September

Chambers Canada 2019

September

Lexpert's Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining 2018/2019

August

Lexpert/ROB Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2018

August

The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019

April

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2018

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

2018

2017

December
Legal 500 Canada

August
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2018

February
OECD/INLA International Nuclear Law Essentials Certificate

2015

June
CNLO Nuclear Law Course

2012

Osgoode Hall Law School, Certificate in Mining Law

1997

Year of Call, Ontario

1995

University of Windsor, LLB

1992

Queen's University, MA

1991

Queen's University, BA (Hons.)

Memberships

- Association for Corporate Growth
- Canadian Bar Association, Business Law and Construction Law sections
- Canadian Solar Industry Association (CanSIA)
- Canadian Venture Capital Association
- Ontario Bar Association, Business Law and Construction Law sections
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association
- Toronto Construction Association

Representative Work

Ted's recent representative matters include acting for:

Corporate Transactions

- Wells Fargo in the acquisition of BNP Paribas's \$13.4 billion energy finance business
- Stuwalk Energy in the acquisition of the bulk fuel distribution business of Healy Enterprises
- Helios Energy Inc. in the sale of a 20 MWac solar photovoltaic power plant in Ontario
- ATB Finance in the acquisition of a MasterCard credit card portfolio from National Bank of Canada
- Bank of America, as Canadian counsel, in the acquisition of the shares of Merrill Lynch
- Citi Infrastructure Fund in its investment in YVR Airport Services (now Vantage)

Infrastructure, Energy and Construction Projects

- A large real estate developer in the \$800-million development and construction of a

multi-tower complex in downtown Toronto with a total of two million square feet of new construction

- Mortenson Canada in connection with the design, construction and development of Gosfield wind project, a 50.4 MW wind farm in Essex County, Ontario
- Carillion in connection with the public-private design, build, finance and maintenance of three new mental-health and wellness facilities for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, including over 450,000 sq. ft. of new construction at its 27-acre redevelopment project
- KGHM International mine and infrastructure operation agreement and lease with Xstrata Nickel