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Franz practices in the Environmental, Municipal, Expropriation and Regulatory group, with a focus on environmental compliance and disputes, municipal planning, and land acquisition and expropriation.

Franz assists and represents individuals and corporations relating to various disputes including contractual, regulatory compliance, environmental prosecution and tort claims.

Prior to joining BLG, Franz was an environmental scientist assisting with the completion of human health and ecological risk assessments in support of applications for large mining and infrastructure related projects. Moreover, Franz has experience with completing phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments relating to the purchase of residential and commercial properties. He also has experience assisting with the completion of Risk Assessments for the purpose of filing a Record of Site Condition (RSC) under Ontario's *Environmental Protection Act*, as well as O. Reg. 153/04 promulgated under the same.

Experience

- Represented an environmental consulting firm and consultant in an action involving the discovery of environmental contaminants on an industrial property. The claims were settled during mediation.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Canada's proposals for implementing a modernized CEPA", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "The latest proposed amendments to excess soil regulation in Ontario", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Climate related disasters, claims and human rights", BLG Article, October 2023
- Co-author, "The Right to a Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable Environment: A High-Level International Perspective", Forum on Environmental Law, January, 2023
- Co-author, "The Never-Ending Abyss of Litigation Privilege in Environmental Law", Forum on Environmental Law, July, 2022

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*™ (Environmental Law)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2022
- LLM in Energy and Infrastructure Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2022
- JD, Bond University, 2020
- Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management and Assessment, Niagara College, 2017
- BSc (Honours) in Environmental Science and Geography, McMaster University, 2016

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