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Andrew practices administrative law and civil litigation, with an emphasis on environmental, expropriation, planning and regulatory law. He also represents clients in litigation involving real estate disputes and professional liability insurance.

Andrew advises clients on a variety of expropriation matters before environment and land tribunals and the civil courts. He acts for expropriating authorities, including municipalities, government agencies and school boards, in the following:

- multi-property acquisition strategy
- dispute resolution
- parallel civil litigation

He also acts for expropriation claimants in large infrastructure projects across the GTA.

Experience

- Representing expropriating authorities in land acquisition strategy and dispute resolution involving large infrastructure projects, including the York Region Viva rapid transit projects, the UP Express Rail link, GO Train expansion and numerous school sites in the City of Toronto.

- Representing expropriation claimants in various large infrastructure projects, including the Highway 407 East extension, Highway 400 expansion and other GTA infrastructure projects.
- Representing public sector clients in a broad range of expropriation, land use planning policy and land development matters including acquisition/development/disposal strategies and civil litigation/appeals at all levels of court.
- Representing environmental and professional liability insurers in contamination and other environmental issues, land development, real estate transactions and similar disputes.
- Representing private sector clients throughout the GTA in official plan amendments, zoning by-law amendments and site plan applications, from the initial submission of development applications to preparing for mediations and hearings at the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- Representing private sector clients in land valuation and other real estate disputes.
- Representing expropriating authorities in land acquisition strategy and dispute resolution involving large infrastructure projects, (including the Ontario Line, Union Station Rail Corridor, GO Transit Expansion,) York Region Viva rapid transit projects, the UP Express Rail link, GO Train expansion and numerous school sites in the City of Toronto.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Bill 23 in Ontario: the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 receives Royal Assent", BLG Article, December 2022
- Author, "Re-imagining how planning and development works in Ontario: the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022", BLG Article, October 2022
- Author, "Ontario's Building Transit Faster Act: New Mechanisms Aim to Speed Up Priority Transit Projects", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "Bill 108 Amends The Education Act — Schedule 4", BLG Article, May 2019
- Co-presenter, "A Fresh Look at Betterment in a New Era," Ontario Association of Municipal Real Estate Administrators, October 2018.
- Speaker, "Case Law Update," Ontario Expropriation Association Fall Conference, October 2018
- Author, "Bill 139 — The Proposed End Of The Ontario Municipal Board", BLG Article, June 2017

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Professional Involvement

- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Board Member, Ontario Expropriation Association
- Member, Urban Land Institute

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Environmental Law).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2015
- BCL/LLB, McGill University, 2014
- BA (Hons.), University of Saskatchewan, 2009

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