



# LINDA L. BERTOLDI

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### Education / Bar Admissions

LLB, University of Toronto, 1974

BA, University of Toronto, 1971

Ontario, 1976

### Professional Involvement

Past member, Board of Directors,  
Association of Power Producers of  
Ontario

Member of the Advisory Council,  
Sionna Investment Managers

Former Member, Board of Directors,  
Canadian District Energy Association

### Community Involvement

Patron and Past President and  
Director, Alzheimer Society of Toronto

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Linda is a senior counsel in our Toronto office practicing in the Electricity Markets Group. Linda is widely recognized as a leading lawyer in the electricity sector and has been recognized by *Lexpert*®, *Chambers Global*, *Public Utilities Fortnightly* and other organizations for her expertise in the electricity sector. In addition, Linda was recognized by the Women's Executive Network as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women, honoured by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association for excellence in advocacy and philanthropy on behalf of those with dementia and honoured by the Italian Chamber of Commerce as the 2016 RBC Businesswoman of the Year.

Linda has been actively involved in the power sector since 1987, with a focus on corporate transactions, project finance, corporate finance, and mergers and acquisitions.

Linda has advised developers, lenders and investors in power projects across Canada including wind, solar, hydro, biomass, natural gas, cogeneration and district energy projects. Linda has extensive experience advising municipal electric utilities and their owners on governance, financing, and mergers and acquisitions.

## REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Advises clients on all aspects of power project development including natural gas, wind, solar, hydroelectric, biomass, cogeneration, combined heat and power projects on structuring transactions, contract design, project finance, regulatory issues, power purchase and energy sales agreements, tolling agreements, non-utility generation contracts, operations and maintenance agreements, regulatory and permitting matters.
- Advises lenders and borrowers on project finance and on corporate finance transactions with respect to electricity projects.
- Advises Ontario municipalities and municipal electric utilities on issues relating to mergers, divestitures, financing, governance, shareholder agreements and regulatory issues and infrastructure, water and wastewater issues.
- Provides ongoing advice during the operations phase of electricity projects on areas such as procurement, operations, maintenance and finance.

- Advises major electricity consumers in Ontario on their energy needs including regulatory requirements, requirements under the Market Rules relating to market participation and energy procurement strategies and contract arrangements.
- Advises on district energy projects including transaction structure, financing and energy services agreements.

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Profiled, "Women in Power Law," *The Distributor*, Spring 2016.
- Speaker at numerous conferences and client presentations on electricity related topics including energy contracts, power project development and financing and municipal electric utilities and their shareholders and governance matters.

## RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized in the 2019 (and since 2016) edition of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Energy: Power - Transactional).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Law, Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2016) *IFLR1000 – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms* (Project Finance).
- Recognized as a leading Energy: Power lawyer in the 2019 edition (and since 2015) of *The Legal 500 Canada*.
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2016) of *The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada (Electricity)*.
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of the *Lexpert®/ROB Special Edition – Canada's Leading Corporate Lawyers*.
- Recognized in the top tier in the 2019 edition (and since 2015) of *Chambers Global – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Energy: Power - Transactional). Considered "one of the deans of the practice area" and noted for her "first-rate reputation", sources described Linda as "absolutely outstanding – a first-class lawyer", "she is a tremendous lawyer" and "she is at the height of the scale in corporate transactions." In addition, she is "widely admired" for her "excellent analytical mind" and "excellent corporate law background and experience."
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Project Finance*.
- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* (Corporate Law, Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2015) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Corporate Commercial, Corporate Mid-Market, Energy: Electricity, Infrastructure Law, Project Finance).
- Recognized as a leading energy lawyer in the 2018 (and since 2014) edition of the *Lexpert®/Report on Business Special Edition on Energy*.
- Recognized in the 2018 edition (and since 2017) of the *Lexpert® Guide to the*

*Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada* (Energy: Electricity).

- Recognized as a leading infrastructure lawyer in the 2018, 2017, 2015 and 2014 editions of the *Lexpert®/Report on Business Special Edition on Infrastructure*.
- Recognized in the 2017 (and since 2015), edition of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Energy).
- Recognized as a leading corporate lawyer in the *2017 Lexpert®/Report on Business Corporate Special Edition*.
- Recognized in the 2016 edition of *The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Mid-Market).
- Honoured by the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPRO) with the 2015 Hedley Palmer Award, recognizing her work in the electricity generation sector.
- Honoured by the Women's Executive Network as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women.
- Honoured by *Lexpert®* with an inaugural Zenith Award - Celebrating Leading Women Lawyers.
- Honoured by *Public Utilities Fortnightly* magazine as the only Canadian lawyer named a Groundbreaking Lawyer.
- Honoured by the Italian Chamber of Commerce as the 2016 RBC Businesswoman of the Year.
- Honoured by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.
- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* as the 2016 Energy Law "Lawyer of the Year" for Toronto.
- Recognized by the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* (Corporate Law, Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law).
- Recognized in the 2015 edition of *Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Mid-Market, Energy – Electricity), the *Lexpert® Special Edition on the Leading Corporate Lawyers*,
- Recognized in the 2015 edition of Legal Media Group's *Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law*.
- Recognized as a leading corporate commercial lawyer in the 2015 edition of *IFLR 1000*.
- Recognized in the 2015 *Lexpert® Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada* (Energy: Electricity).
- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rated.

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trademark and patent registration.