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Expertise

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Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2009

“He’s an absolute superstar – phenomenally hardworking, knowledgeable and with unusually solid business judgement for a lawyer.”

Client – Chambers Canada

Will advises developers, investors, lenders and borrowers – in Canada and the U.S. – on large infrastructure and power project development and financing, with a particular emphasis on public-private partnership procurement. He brings a commercial, goal-oriented approach to transactions and focuses on efficiently achieving successful outcomes.

Clients in the renewable energy sector value Will’s extensive knowledge of the complexities of hydroelectric, wind and solar financing. He frequently advises on the sale and purchase of renewable energy and infrastructure projects across Canada, and has extensive experience in negotiating a wide variety of related development contracts.

Will is a member of the Toronto Student Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Plenary and EllisDon

Acted for the selected consortium formed by Plenary Americas, Phoenix Infrastructure Group and EllisDon Capital for the design, build, finance and maintenance of eight new schools as a part of the second phase of the Blueprint Schools program in Prince George County, Maryland.

Plenary Americas LP

Acted for Maryland and Energy Impact Partners, a Plenary Americas-led consortium including Kiewit Development Company, Kiewit Power Constructors, Honeywell International, in its winning bid to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the NextGen Energy Program, a district energy system for the University of Maryland.

Hydromega Services Inc.

Acted for Hydromega Services Inc. in its sale, including its ownership interests in five hydropower generating stations in Québec and five additional hydropower generating stations in Northeastern Ontario, to FirstLight Power, a wholly owned subsidiary of PSP Investments and a leading clean power producer, developer and energy storage company.

Royal Bank of Canada

Acted for Royal Bank of Canada in connection with the establishment of senior secured “green loan” credit facilities in favour of a subsidiary of the University of Toronto, the proceeds of which will be used to complete deep energy retrofit projects – such as converting gas boilers to electric boilers and installing energy storage solutions – to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50 per cent, or 45,000 tonnes of CO₂ equivalents, by 2030. Canada Infrastructure Bank provided subordinated credit facilities.

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Fengate Capital Management

Acted for Fengate Capital Management in its acquisition of the Morris Cogeneration, LLC, a 177 MW combined heat and power facility in Morris, Illinois, from Atlantic Power and Utilities.

Aecon Construction Group

Acted for Aecon Construction Group in its investment in the Oneida Energy Storage Project. It is one of the largest clean energy storage projects in the world which is being developed in partnership with Indigenous communities.

Aecon Group Inc.

Acted for Aecon Group Inc. in the sale of its Aecon Transportation East roadbuilding, aggregates and materials business in Ontario to Green Infrastructure Partners Inc. for C\$235 million in cash.

Fengate Asset Management Ltd.

Acted for Fengate Asset Management Ltd. in the C\$50.2-million sale of 60 MW Sault Ste. Marie solar portfolio located in northwestern Ontario to Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.

Fengate Asset Management Ltd.

Acted for Fengate Asset Management Ltd. in the sale of a 75% interest in the 40 MW Grand Valley III wind project in Ontario to Axium Infrastructure.

Pomerleau Inc.

Acted for Pomerleau Inc. in connection with the development phase of the progressive design-build-finance of the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA) Project.

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business—Projects: PPP & Infrastructure

Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business—Project Finance; Projects: PPP and Infrastructure

Lexpert Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40 (2022)

IFLR1000: Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Project Development; Project Finance

The Legal 500 Canada—Infrastructure Projects (Leading Partner)

The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada—Project Finance

Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining

Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Infrastructure Law (Most Frequently Recommended); Project Finance (Most Frequently Recommended); Banking and Financial Institutions; Corporate Commercial Law

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The Best Lawyers in Canada—Banking and Finance Law; Energy Law; Project Finance Law (Lawyer of the Year 2022, Toronto)

INSIGHTS

IESO Releases Contract Review Directive Report

Sept. 03, 2020

Ontario to Review Existing Generation Contracts

Nov. 08, 2019

Moderator, Euromoney Seminars, 7th Annual Canadian Power Finance Conference, “As First Nations Bands and Communities Increasingly Become Active Participants in Power Projects, What Are the Key Factors Determining Their Involvement?”

Jan. 22, 2015

EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario, LLB (with Distinction), 2008