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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Construction Contracts and Procurement |
Health | Construction and Infrastructure | Major
Projects

EXPERTISE

Real Estate

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1990

EDUCATION

- LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, 1988
- Combined B.A. and B.Sc. program, University of Toronto, 1985

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Dražen Bulat is a national leader in construction and infrastructure law at Miller Thomson. His focus is on the development and drafting of front-end procurement and contract documents. Dražen also represents both

owners and contractors/vendors in resolving disputes over a wide variety of issues, ranging from drafting and negotiating procurement and contract documents, to bid disputes, to priority claims among lien claimants, owners, and mortgagees. As a respected lecturer and speaker, Dražen shares valuable insights on construction issues to industry and legal audiences, showcasing his commitment to knowledge sharing and professional development.

As a seasoned lecturer on tendering law and contract law for various professional bodies, including the Toronto Construction Association, Dražen's commitment to educating industry professionals is evident.

Having been recognized by acclaimed legal directories, Dražen's reputation and industry knowledge are widely acknowledged within the legal community. His consistent recognition in these prestigious directories underscores his dedication to delivering top-tier legal services in the field of construction law.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Construction Law, 2020-2026*
- *Lexpert Special Edition – Infrastructure, 2024-2025*
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada – Construction Law, 2022-2026*

Thought leadership

Faculty Experience

- Lecturer, on Tendering Law, Bonding and Insurance for the Toronto Construction Association Construction Law Course for representatives of the construction industry and business owners, 1992 to present.
- Lecturer, on Contract Law for The Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario, 2000 – 2009.

Presentations

- The Role and Responsibilities of the Owners of Construction Projects, Contractors, and Design Professionals, The Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law, October 2015
- Panel member on the Prequalification Panel, Procurement Day, October 2015
- Bonds and Insurance, Toronto Construction Association, October 2015
- Bidding and Tendering Law, Toronto Construction Association, October 2015
- Practical Approach to Tendering, 7th Public Construction Contracting and Tendering workshop hosted by Federated Press, October 2015
- Co-Presenter: You've Got The Job: Yellow Brick Road or Highway to Hell?, Ontario General Contractors Association 2015 Symposium, April 2015

- Co-Presenter: The Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive as it Pertains to School Boards in Ontario, 2015 OCSTA/OCSBOA Business Seminar, April 2015
- Bidding and Tendering Law, Toronto Construction Association (Mississauga), February 2015
- Bonds and Insurance, Toronto Construction Association (Mississauga), February 2015
- Duties and Obligations: The Owner, The Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law, November 2014
- Bonds and Insurance, Toronto Construction Association, October 2014
- Bidding and Tendering Law, Toronto Construction Association, September 2014
- Governance and BPS Procurement, Miller Thomson Education Group Webinar, June 2014
- Bidding and Tendering Law, Toronto Construction Association, October 2013
- Bonds and Insurance, Toronto Construction Association, October 2013
- Practical Approach to Tendering, 4th Public Construction Contracting and Tendering Course (Federated Press), May, 2013
- Co-Presenter: The Procurement Directive – Some Things You Might Like to Know, Ontario General Contractors Association 2013 Symposium, April 2013
- The Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive, Miller Thomson Education Group Webinar, April 2013
- Co-Presenter: The Bidding Process, Ontario General Contractors Association Management of Projects Course, February 2013
- Co-Presenter: Myths, Legends and Fairytales About Public Sector Procurement Miller Thomson Health Group Webinar, January 2013
- Reducing Risk in the Tender Process, The MEARIE Group 2010 Risk Management Conference, June 2010
- Minimizing Risks at the Pre-Tender Stage, Society of Public Insurance Administrators of Ontario, February 2010
- Minimizing Risks at the Pre-Tender stage, The Canadian Institute's 2nd Annual Conference on Managing Risk at the Pre-Tender Stages of Your Construction Project, September 2009
- Demystifying Tenders and RFPs, The Canadian Institute's 18th Annual Construction Superconference, November 2008

Publications

- Report on the *Construction Lien Act*, Health Communiqué, October 13, 2016

Published Works

- Co-authored Chapter 20 – Construction in the Westlaw Business Laws of Canada
- Co-Editor of the RFP Creator, and the PO Creator, CD-ROMs for drafting Requests for Proposals, Purchase orders and similar documents
- Drafting Supplementary Conditions, Canadian Consulting Engineer (March/April), 2012
- TENDERING: What You Need to Know, thecondovoice (Spring), 2012

- Due Diligence and the Tendering Process, Let's Talk Condo – Ontario, Winter 2012
- Renovations: Competitive Bidding, Let's Talk Condo – Ontario, Winter 2008
- You Might Have A Bid If..., Communiqué for the Health Industry, October 1, 2007
- If You Bid It, They Will Come, Communiqué for the Health Industry, September 27, 2007
- If You Bid It, They Will Come, Charities and Not-for-Profit Newsletter, May 2007

Community roles

- Hart House Orchestra, University of Toronto, 1983 to 1996

Memberships & affiliations

- Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America
- Canadian Bar Association