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Biography

Dražen Bulat is a national leader in construction and infrastructure law at Miller Thomson. The focus of Dražen's practice is the development and drafting of front-end procurement and contract documents, including tender documents, RFPs and different forms of contracts.

Dražen is intimately familiar with the law of procurement as well as the Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive and the Construction Lien Act. Dražen 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.

Dražen's expertise covers most areas of the construction industry, including large commercial developments, health care facilities, and educational facilities. He helps his clients to establish their goals and identifies the best and most cost-effective means of achieving those goals, whether through effective drafting, litigation, or a wide variety of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

Dražen is a lecturer for the Toronto Construction Association and is a frequent speaker on procurement and related issues to both industry and legal groups.

Professional achievements & leadership

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - Construction Law, 2022-2024
- *The Canadian Legal Expert Directory* - Construction Law, 2020 - 2024

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

RELATED SERVICES

Construction Litigation
Procurement

RELATED INDUSTRIES

Construction and Infrastructure
Education
Health
Projects

- 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 involvement

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

Professional memberships

- Canadian Bar Association

Bar admissions & education

- Ontario, 1990
- LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, 1988
- Combined B.A. and B.Sc. program, University of Toronto, 1985