

# Baktash Waseil

## Partner

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## Industries & Expertise

#### EXPERTISE

Appellate Law | Commercial Litigation | Administrative & Public Law | Arbitration & Mediation | Labour & Employment

## Biography

#### BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2016

#### EDUCATION

- J.D. (cum laude), University of Ottawa, 2015
- B.Soc.Sc. (political science, honours, magna cum laude), University of Ottawa, 2015

#### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English, Farsi / Persian, French

Baktash Waseil brings an extensive background in commercial and civil litigation to the table, representing both private and public corporations in various sectors. His knowledge and experience span complex contractual disputes, debt recovery, shareholder issues, and privacy concerns. Baktash is dedicated to

crafting tailored strategies to help clients achieve their objectives, working closely with them for optimal outcomes. With experiences at prestigious legal institutions before joining the firm, he is well-versed in navigating the nuances of the legal landscape. Fluent in English and French, Baktash delivers legal services in both official languages.

Baktash acts for school boards, private schools, insurers, individuals, and non-profit and religious organizations on various matters. He is a member of the President's Advisory Council for the Markham Stouffville Hospital, and provides free legal advice to students at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University).

Baktash is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Ontario Bar Association, The Advocates' Society, and the Toronto Lawyers' Association. Prior to joining the firm, Baktash worked as a Research Assistant at the Supreme Court of Canada and as a Teaching Assistant at the University of Ottawa (Faculty of Law).

## Industry involvement

### Thought leadership

- "School Boards Can Transfer a Student for Safety Reasons", Education Law Newsletter, June 2018
- "Register Your Lien Within Three-Months of a Default or Risk Losing Priority... A Reminder", *MTCondoLaw-Ontario*, February 2017
- "Good News from the Ontario Court of Appeal: Condominium Directors, Your Decisions Will Be Respected", *MTCondoLaw-Ontario*, October 2016
- "SCC Affirms Ontario's Jurisdiction to 'Take Up' Lands in Treaty 3," *Aboriginal Law Update*, August 2014 (co-authored with Sandra A. Gogal)

### Notable Matters

- *Gebien v Apotex Inc. et al.*, [2024] ONSC 1195 (CanLII)
- *Gebien v Apotex Inc. et al.*, [2023] ONSC 6792 (CanLII)
- *CLE Capital Inc. V 2593485 Ontario Ltd., et al.*, [2022] ONSC 4299 (CanLII)
- *Doucet v The Royal Winnipeg Ballet*, [2022] ONSC 976 (CanLII)
- *JS and JSS v. Toronto Catholic District School Board*, [2020] HRT0 411 (CanLII)
- *Doucet v. The Royal Winnipeg Ballet (The Royal Winnipeg Ballet School)*, [2019] ONSC 6982 (CanLII)
- *Gargari v. Toronto Catholic District School Board*, [2019] ONSC 2371 (CanLII)
- *Gargari v. Toronto Catholic District School Board*, [2018] ONSC 7009 (CanLII)
- *Our Lady of Victory Senior Citizens' Residence (York) Inc. v. Mercedes*, [2018] ONSC 5752 (CanLII)
- *Forsythe v. Tone*, [2018] ONSC 3598
- *K.W v. Toronto Catholic District School Board*, [2018] ONSC 2794

- *CLE Leasing Enterprise Ltd. v. Dhuga*, [2017] ONCA 764 (CanLII)
- *TSCC No. 2051 v. Georgian Clairlea Inc. et al*, [2017] ONSC 4223 (CanLII)
- *Cho v. Middleton*, [2016] ONSC 7251 (CanLII)
- *Unit Owners v. Norstar Portrait Inc.*, (ONSCSM)

## **Community roles**

- Markham Stouffville Hospital: As a member of the President's Advisory Council, Baktash provides strategic advice to the President/CEO and Senior Management of the hospital on key initiative such as strategic partnerships, innovation, communication engagement, budget and finance and quality and safety.
- Law Help Ontario (Pro Bono Ontario): As Duty Counsel, Baktash provides brief summary advice in civil, non-family matters, to unrepresented litigants who cannot afford to hire a lawyer and who do not qualify for Legal Aid.
- Ryerson University Pro Bono Clinic: Baktash provides free legal advice to Ryerson students on a range of legal issues such as business or work-related issues, consumer contracts and small claims actions.

## **Memberships & affiliations**

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society
- Toronto Lawyers' Association
- Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario