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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Charity & Not-For-Profit | Government | Real Estate | Municipal, Planning & Land Development | Real Property Assessment & Taxation

EXPERTISE

Administrative & Public Law | Corporate Governance | Municipal, Planning & Land Development | Real Property Assessment and Taxation | Charities & Not-For-Profit

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1990

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Toronto, 1988
- International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, 1987

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Cantonese, English

David Tang's practice merges municipal/land development & planning law with charities & not-for-profit law, often where these areas intersect. David guides landowners strategically and proactively through complex municipal and land use planning situations. He not only obtains development approvals, but helps protect landowners and their businesses activities in the ever-changing land use planning environment by providing proactive advice in addition to responding to neighbouring initiatives. He is particularly known for integrating charitable and not-for-profit considerations into his client's decision-making and helping charities deal with their land. His unique blend of experience helps tax-exempt entities navigate the potential conflicts between the business and regulatory aspects of real estate development and charity/not-for-profit law requirements. David provides a full range of advice to charities and not-for-profit groups. He has particular proficiency with religious organizations, structuring relationships and affiliations between Canadian and international charities, charities entering into property development arrangements, charity governance and ensuring charities comply with all of the laws which are unique to them, their boards, and their members. David has frequently advised charities on the resolution of internal and external disputes. David often explores the extent of municipal and other nonprofit organization's jurisdiction and powers. He has advised on municipal restructuring and boundary adjustments, conflicts of interest, constitutional/charter limitations, and structuring municipal and other entities at the intersection of housing, social infrastructure, energy generation/distribution and revenue opportunities, often involving unique relationships between municipalities and other tax-exempt entities to advance societal purposes. David appears regularly before the Ontario Land Tribunal, municipalities and the courts.

David has served as a director, trustee, committee member and as chair in organizations such as Intervarsity Christian Fellowship of Canada, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, a American 501(c) (c) and his local church, Immanuel Baptist Church. The breadth of his hands-on experience with voluntary organizations, from organizing fund-raising, leadership searches, navigating through changes and reorganizations, simple participation as voting delegate in a few denominations, and even providing relief organ playing provides a uniquely broad appreciation of the sector.

David's experience is reflected in his service as Chair of the Nonprofit Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association, on the executive of both the Municipal Law and Charities Law Sections of the Ontario Bar Association and recognition in The Best Lawyers in Canada™ for his deep municipal and charities/non-profit law knowledge and by both Lexpert® and Chambers Canada for his charities/not-for-profit law proficiency. He has taught with Tyndale University; York University; Seneca College, courses for the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario and with numerous professional/bar associations in both Canada and the United States.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in Canada –Municipal Law, 2024-2025; Charities / Non-Profit Law, 2025
- Chambers Canada – Charities/Non-profits, 2024

- The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory – Charities/Not-For-Profit Law, 2024
- Chair, Nonprofit Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section
- Past member, Executive of the Ontario Bar Association's Municipal and Charitable and Not-For Profit Law Sections

Memberships & affiliations

- Chair, American Bar Association Business Law Section