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Rick practises **environmental law** with an emphasis on environmental aspects of major development initiatives and transactions involving **heavy industry, transportation, energy** and **infrastructure** projects, and brownfields redevelopment.

With members of BLG's litigation practice groups, he also acts as defence counsel on **regulatory prosecutions** and in **civil actions**.

### Experience

- Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. (NASDAQ: KTOS), a leading National Security Solutions provider, in its US\$35 million acquisition of satellite antenna manufacturer ASC Signal from CPI.
- Environmental aspects of numerous corporate, commercial and real estate transactions, including the conduct of extensive environmental due diligence in connection with Canada-wide acquisitions and financing transactions.
- Environmental approvals for major construction and energy projects and operating permits.
- Civil actions (including class actions) and regulatory proceedings relating to alleged spills and contaminant migration.
- Spill reporting and emergency response requirements.
- Assessment and management of endangered species issues.
- Full range of land and planning approvals, including official plan and group amendments, site plan control, and building permit issue.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Can you dig it? Recent changes to regulating excess soils in British Columbia, Ontario and Québec", BLG Article, April 2022
- Author, "Environmental obligations and compliance during the COVID-19 pandemic: A Canadian comparison", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "COVID-19 delays Ontario's new excess soil regime", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "COVID-19 and your environmental obligations – Cross-country update", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "COVID-19 and your environmental obligations", BLG Article, March 2020
- Author, "The CSA Releases Additional Guidance on Disclosure of Climate Change-Related Risks", BLG Article, September 2019
- Author, "Bill 108 to Enact First of Many Changes Proposed to Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Bill 108 to Restrict the Power of Conservation Authorities", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Endangered Species Act Amendments Shed More Light on Conservation Charges", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Environmental Protection Act and Regulatory Changes: More Brownfields Open For Business", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Ontario Proposes to Revamp Endangered Species Law", BLG Article, April 2019
- Toxic Real Estate Manual, published by Canada Law Book (updated annually).

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Ontario Bar Association

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2014) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Environmental Law, Municipal Law) and since 2022 (Energy Law)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining*
- Recognized in the 2021-2024 and 2016 editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Environmental Law), the 2022 edition (Property Development), and in the 2020 edition (Infrastructure Law).
- Recognized in the 2023 and previous editions of the *Lexpert Special Edition - Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers*.
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *The Lexpert®/ROB Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers*.
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of the *Lexpert Special Edition - Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers*.
- Martindale-Hubbell® BV® Distinguished™ 4.4 out of 5 Peer Review Rated.
- Recognized in the 2014 and 2013 editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Environmental Law).

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1990
- LLB, University of Toronto, 1988
- MA, University of Toronto, 1981

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