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Rick is one of Canada's leading infrastructure, surety and construction lawyers, with more than 30 years of experience in the construction industry. He brings practical legal and industry-specific expertise to each client engagement and is uniquely positioned as both a barrister and a transactional lawyer.

Rick is recognized for his unrivalled P3 experience in the healthcare sector, having been extensively involved in healthcare infrastructure projects across Ontario.

He specializes in construction, surety and procurement law, including:

- construction contracts and project delivery methods
- public infrastructure renewal
- construction disputes
- construction liens
- construction insurance
- surety bonds

Rick has been actively involved in a large number of construction and infrastructure projects – successfully leading transaction teams and closing a number of public-private partnership deals, as well as crafting complex project agreements.

He also has extensive experience in dispute resolution, and has appeared at every level of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

Insights & Events

- Author, "End of the Road: The Supreme Court of Canada Denies Leave to Appeal in Iona Contractors Ltd. v The Guarantee Company of North America", BLG Article, April 2016

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America
- Program director, Osgoode Hall Certificate
- Past-president and founding fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- Past member of the executive, Canadian Bar Association (construction law section)
- Board member, Surety Association of Canada
- Past trustee, Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association
- Member, International Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

Awards & Recognition

- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2026 edition (and since 2017) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Construction Law & Public Procurement Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2017) of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Construction (Nationwide - Canada)).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *The Legal 500 Canada Hall of Fame* (Construction)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Lexology Index: Construction* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*)
- Recognized as one of the world's leading practitioners in the *Lexology Index Thought Leaders: Construction 2025* report (formerly *Who's Who Legal*).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Lexology Index: Projects & Procurement* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2017) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Construction Law, Infrastructure Law).
- Recognized as a leading infrastructure lawyer in the 2025 edition (and since 2016) of the *Lexpert® Special Edition on Infrastructure*.
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2023) of *Who's Who Legal: Government*.
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2022) of *Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders: Construction & Government Contracts*.
- Recognized in the 2022 (and since 2020) edition of *Benchmark Litigation — The definitive guide to litigation firms and attorneys in Canada* (litigation star).
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2017) of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Construction, Government Contracts).
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Government*.

- Recognized as a 2020 Acritas Star. Also recognized as one of the top 30 lawyers globally by Acritas, according to the 2017 Acritas Stars.
- Winner of the 2019 *Lexology Client Choice Award* (Construction).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* (Construction Law), where he is described as "a successful and trusted advocate".
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Government Contracts*.

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1985
- BHK (Bachelor of Human Kinetics), University of Windsor, 1980
- LLB, University of Windsor, 1983

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