

BLG partner appointed Justice of the Court of King's Bench of Alberta

Calgary (January 29, 2026) – Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) partner Peter D. Banks has been appointed Justice of the Court of King's Bench of Alberta.

Peter Banks joined BLG in 2015 as a litigator in the firm's Calgary office, practising complex commercial and construction litigation and arbitration. He has acted on numerous significant matters in litigation and domestic and international arbitration, particularly involving large industrial and infrastructure projects.

Peter brought extensive experience before the Court of King's Bench of Alberta, the Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Canada, and in arbitration matters under ICC, UNCITRAL, and ADRIC rules.

"Peter's appointment to the bench is a testament to his outstanding legal acumen and unwavering commitment to justice," said [David Di Paolo](#), BLG's National Managing Partner. "While we'll miss his contributions to our commercial and construction disputes practice, we're immensely proud of this well-deserved recognition."

Peter obtained his LLB with Distinction from the University of Alberta in 2002, where he was awarded the Horace Harvey Gold Medal in Law. He subsequently studied at the University of Oxford, obtaining a BCL with Distinction. He clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada for Justice Major in 2004-2005.

Peter was admitted as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2025. He previously served as chair of The Advocates' Society's Construction Law Practice Group, the CBA's Civil Litigation South Section, and co-chaired the CBA Inns of Court Committee. Peter was also an Honorary Overseas Member of the Commercial Bar Association of England and Wales (COMBAR) and served as principal to several articling students.

We wish Peter all the best in his new role.

About federal judicial appointments

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