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Isaac practices exclusively in the areas of administrative law and civil litigation. He represents municipalities, public agencies and private landowners on a broad range of issues, including:

- land use planning appeals
- expropriations
- ground lease arbitrations

He provides strategic planning and advice to municipalities of all sizes on issues including Bill 139, growth management and natural heritage and regularly defends their interests before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board).

Isaac has successfully secured or opposed complex planning approvals for clients including:

- hospitals
- school boards
- developers
- businesses
- individual homeowners

Experience

- Representing public sector clients in planning policy and land use development matters, including defending both upper-tier and lower-tier municipalities from numerous appeals to their official plan reviews and publicly-initiated official plan amendments.
- Representing private sector clients in obtaining planning approvals, from the initial submission of development applications and negotiations with municipal staff to preparing for mediations and hearings at the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.
- Representing expropriating authorities and private landowners in land acquisition disputes at the Board of Negotiation and Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.
- Representing professional liability insurers in matters involving real estate transactions and disputes, including claims involving excess insurers.
- Acting as counsel in various proceedings before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Divisional Court involving land use development, land acquisition and building permit disputes.
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Insights & Events

- Ontario's Building Transit Faster Act: New Mechanisms Aim to Speed Up Priority Transit Projects
- Does Bill 108 Mean a Return to the Old OMB Process?
- Fundamental Changes to Ontario's Planning Regime Proposed by Bill 108
- Author, "Why Ontario's new Growth Plan could be good news for builders", Ontario Home Builders' Association Magazine, May 2019
- Co-author, "Dealing with Unrepresented Litigants," Ontario Bar Association Municipal Law Professionalism Program, December 2017
- Presenter, "Provincially Significant Employment Zones: What is Significant and What is Not?," Law Society of Ontario's Six-Minute Municipal Lawyer, May 2019
- Co-Author and Presenter, "Pleadings, Practice and Procedural Fairness in the Post-Bill 139 World," Ontario Bar Association Institute 2019, February 2019
- Presenter, "What's Up with LPAT?," Ontario Expropriation Association Fall Conference, October 2018
- Author, "Managing Costs and Interest in Expropriations: The Shergar Story," Law Society of Ontario's Six-Minute Municipal Lawyer, May 2018
- Co-author, "Bill 139 Update: Major Changes to the Planning Act Come into Force on April 3, 2018," BLG Publication, March 2018
- Co-chair, "A New Era in Municipal and Planning Law," Ontario Bar Association Institute 2018, February 2018
- Province Releases Bill 139 Regulations For Transition From The OMB To The New Local Planning Appeal Tribunal
- The Overhaul Of The OMB
- Co-author, "The Ins and Outs of Inclusionary Zoning," Ontario Bar Association Institute 2017, February 2017
- Ontario Passes New Legislation to Allow Municipalities to Introduce Inclusionary Zoning
- Province Releases Public Consultation Document For OMB Review
- Town Of Richmond Hill Successfully Defends Parkland Decision At Divisional Court
- Province Introduces Bill 204, 'Promoting Affordable Housing Act,' to Permit Inclusionary Zoning
- How Bill 73 Affects Municipalities and Best Practices

- Author, "Case Comment: Ottawa (City) v. 267 O'Connor Limited," Ontario Bar Association Municipal Law Newsletter, February 2016
- Author, "Province Passes Bill 73, the "Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015," BLG Publication, December 2015 and reprinted in Municipal Liability Risk Management, January 2016

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Executive member, Ontario Bar Association, Municipal Law Section
- Member, Ontario Expropriation Association
- Member, Urban Land Institute
- Participant, ULI Urban Leadership Program

Community Involvement

- Mentor, Alumni-Student Mentorship Program, University of Toronto Faculty of Law

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2011
- JD, University of Toronto, 2010,
- BSc, Queen's University, 2007,

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