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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

- 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

- COVID-19 and your environmental obligations – Cross-country update
- COVID-19 and your environmental obligations
- The CSA Releases Additional Guidance on Disclosure of Climate Change-Related Risks
- Bill 108 to Enact First of Many Changes Proposed to Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act
- Bill 108 to Restrict the Power of Conservation Authorities
- Endangered Species Act Amendments Shed More Light on Conservative Charges
- Environmental Protection Act and Regulatory Changes: More Brownfields Open For Business
- Ontario Proposes to Revamp Endangered Species Law
- 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 2020 edition (and since 2014) of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Environmental Law, Municipal Law).
- Recognized in the 2019 and previous editions of the *Lexpert Special Edition - Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers*.
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of the *Lexpert Special Edition - Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers*.
- Recognized in the 2016 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Environmental Law).
- 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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