

## BLG Announces Leadership Changes

### Incoming Co-Chairs of BLG's Construction Group Appointed

**Toronto (January 15, 2018)** — Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) is pleased to announce that [Richard H. Shaban](#) and [Jeffrey Vallis QC, FCI Arb.](#), have been appointed National Co-Chairs of BLG's internationally-recognized [Construction Group](#).

"On behalf of all members of the Firm, I wish to congratulate Jeff and Rick on their new leadership roles," said [Sean Weir](#), BLG's National Managing Partner and CEO. "Their combined background and expertise will continue to drive our leading construction practice and reputation as largest and best-ranked group in Canada."

[Based in Toronto](#), Mr. Shaban has over thirty years' experience in this industry, bringing practical legal and industry-specific expertise to each client engagement. He has been actively involved in a large number of infrastructure projects – successfully leading transaction teams and closing many P3 deals. Rick also has extensive experience resolving project disputes, and he appears at every level of court including the Supreme Court of Canada.

[Based in Calgary](#), Mr. Vallis leads the International Construction Projects Focus Group. He practises construction litigation and arbitration, and is recognized as one of the leading lawyers in Canada for construction law by the foremost legal rankings publications. He acts on behalf of owners, contractors, subcontractors, lenders and sureties in disputes arising from large-scale construction and engineering projects, principally in the infrastructure, industrial and commercial sectors.

BLG is recognized as the leading construction law firm in Canada and one of the foremost in the world. Its 43 dedicated construction law practitioners enjoy a reputation for unsurpassed knowledge and expertise in many areas of construction, particularly project delivery and dispute resolution including litigation. BLG is the only Canadian firm rated Chambers Band 1 for Construction Law and is widely respected for its collaborative approach and responsiveness to clients' needs.

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