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Yvan's practice is focused on construction law, particularly on all matters related to procurement and tendering, contract negotiating and drafting and dispute resolution.

He advises clients working in the construction and infrastructure field in a wide array of project delivery models, including:

- public-private partnerships
- design, building, finance and maintenance contracts
- engineering, procurement and construction management contracts

He is also active in both Nunavik and Nunavut, where his Aboriginal and construction law expertise have allowed him to assist various Inuit and governmental organizations.

Yvan is actively involved with professional associations in this field, such as the Canadian Construction Association and the Infrastructure Council. As former President of the national Construction and Infrastructure Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association, he works closely with other practitioners in these areas of law across the country.

Experience

- Advised one of the parties acting as independent certifier in connection with the Turcot Project

- Headed the team involved with negotiating, preparing and finalizing the AMT's recent transactions for the construction of the Lachine and Pointe Saint-Charles maintenance centres
- Headed the team that advised the designer-builder hired by the consortium responsible for implementing the Autoroute 30 project
- Represents and advises a Quebec university in matters of procurement and construction
- Advises various stakeholders, including private and public property owners, architects and engineers, contractors, insurers and bonding companies, as well as sub-contractors and suppliers, in all facets of their business relationships and represents them before courts and arbitral tribunals in Québec, Ontario and Nunavut
- Negotiates and drafts documents relating to calls for tenders, construction and procurement contracts, as well as related agreements for construction, energy, infrastructure and industrial projects
- Advises and represents manufacturers in product liability litigation, both in Québec and Ontario
- Involved with BLG's Team North® and advises various active Inuit organizations in Nunavik

Insights & Events

- Author, "Formation continue obligatoire pour répondant·es en construction : le 31 mars 2024 approche", BLG Article, November 2023
- [Author, "Easy to be hard: Cruel and unusual punishment and corporations", On-Site Magazine, March 2021](#)
- Author, "Bill 162 Charbonneau Commission Recommendations", BLG Article, April 2018
- "The duty of good faith and the implications of the Nunavummi Nangminiqagtunik Ikajuuti (NNI Policy) on construction project procurement in Nunavut," Nunavut Mining Symposium in Iqaluit, Nunavut: "Construction Law," April 2015
- "Contractor's Performance Review Under Québec's Public Procurement Regime," 2015, 1 J.C.C.L.33

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Fellow & Governor, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member of the Executive Committee, Board of the Canadian Construction Association
- President, Council of Manufacturers, Suppliers and Services of the Canadian Construction Association

Community Involvement

- Member, West Island CSSS Foundation

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2006) of *Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Construction Law and Public Procurement Law). Also recognized in the 2022 (and since 2018) edition (Charities/Non-Profit Law).

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2021) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Infrastructure Law) and since 2013 (Construction Law) and in the 2023-2013 editions (Indigenous Law).
- Recognized in the 2024 (and since 2020), 2018 and 2013 editions of *Lexpert®/Report on Business Special Edition – Canada’s Leading Infrastructure Lawyers*.
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*.
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2020) of *Who’s Who Legal: Canada* (Construction).
- Recognized in the 2021 and 2019 editions of *Chambers Canada – Canada’s Leading Lawyers for Business* (General Business Law [Northern Canada and Arctic]).
- Recognized as “Construction Lawyer of the Year – Montréal” in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada®*.

Bar Admission & Education

- Nunavut, 2013
- Québec, 1989
- Ontario, 1986

- LLL, University of Ottawa, 1988
- LLB, University of Ottawa, 1984

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