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Brent is an experienced commercial leasing lawyer and is a member of the BLG [Commercial Real Estate group](#). He represents and advises national, regional, and entrepreneurial landlord and tenant clients with their commercial leasing matters across the entire lease lifecycle.

Brent has significant experience in drafting and negotiating leases across a broad range of property sectors, including retail, office, industrial, mixed-use, residential, and ground leasing. Brent also regularly advises and provides leasing-related support on business acquisition, disposition, and financing transactions, including lease due-diligence reviews.

## Insights & Events

- Roundtable Co-Leader, "Security for Leases – Letters of Credit, Indemnity Agreement, Guarantees, and Security Deposits", ICSC Canadian Law, May 2025
- Roundtable Co-Leader, "Tenant exit strategies: from negotiated surrenders, to bankruptcy and the midnight move," ICSC Canadian Law Conference, April 2024
- Roundtable Co-Leader, "Drafting and negotiating tenant allowance clauses and tenant remedies if a landlord fails to pay," ICSC Canadian Law Conference, September 2022

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, International Council of Shopping Centres (ICSC)
- Member, Urban Land Institute (ULI)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Ontario

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2014
- MBA, Schulich School of Business, 2013
- JD, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2013
- BSc (Specialized Honours), Computer Science, York University, 2008

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