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Commercial Real Estate

Line Abecassis practises in most areas of real property law and associated areas of general commercial law, including leasing, acquisition, divestiture and financing of real estate and development. She participated in the development of various real estate projects, such as:

- hotels
- senior housing residences
- shopping centres
- office buildings

Line has in-depth expertise in commercial leasing for all types of properties, including:

- industrial buildings
- office buildings
- retail buildings
- mixed-use buildings

Line is the Regional Manager for the Specialized Business Law Group in Montréal, which includes Real estate law, Tax law, Financial services and Intellectual property. She speaks French, English, Hebrew and Arabic fluently.

Experience

- Counsel to Enertrak Inc., a Montréal-based HVACR distributor and its shareholders, in the sale to Beijer Ref AB (Nasdaq Stockholm: BEIJ B), a Swedish publicly traded global refrigeration group, including an equity rollover component. Enertrak reported total revenue of C$165 million and has approximately 120 employees to serve commercial and residential markets across Eastern Canada.
- Acted on the acquisition of a portfolio of 75 properties in Canada and the United States valued at more than $1.5 billion.
- Advised Triple M Metal in its joint venture with ArcelorMittal Long Products Canada to create Integrated Metal Recycling Inc.
- Advised BMO Life Insurance in its acquisition and financing of a 50% undivided co-ownership interest in 11 shopping centre in Québec and Ontario, totalling $200 million.
- Acted for WH Hospitality in connection with its acquisition and financing of the Hotel PUR in Québec City.
- Acted for Autocanada in connection with the acquisition of BMW Canbec and BMW Laval.
- Acted for CiToxLAB Group Inc. in connection with its acquisition of AccelLAB Inc.
- Assisted Northern Property REIT in its creation of a $3 billion national multi-family REIT through the acquisition of True North Apartment REIT and a $535 million multi-family real estate portfolio managed by Starlight Investments Ltd.
- Represents both Bell Canada and SNC-LAVALIN O&M SOLUTIONS INC. in the management of Bell Canada’s real estate portfolio.
- Represents several major financial institutions in negotiating their commercial leases.
- Acting as external real estate counsel in the province of Québec of McDonald’s Restaurants of Canada Limited.
- Acted in connection with the establishment of Brick Real Estate Corporation in Québec.
- Lender counsel to a number of Canadian institutional lenders in respect of commercial, retail and residential construction projects.
- Acted in connection with the sale of the Hilton Bonaventure Hotel in Montréal.
- Assisted in the sale of the Auberge des Seigneurs in Saint-Hyacinthe in Québec.
- Assisted in the sale of the Hotel Tadoussac, in Tadoussac, in Québec.
- Acted in connection with the acquisition of a portfolio of 15 buildings in Montréal.
- Assisted in the sale of the La Cité multi-residential complex in Montréal for over $232 million.

Insights & Events

- Author, "COVID-19 Renders “Peaceful Enjoyment” impossible and relieves tenant from obligation to pay rent", BLG Article, July 2020
- Speaker, “Journées stratégiques sur les baux commerciaux,” Open Forums, in 2018 and 2019
- Author, "La clause d'usage et la clause d'exclusivité en matière de louage commercial," Le Bail commercial, 2011 (cited in Québec Superior Court decision 2855-0523 Québec Inc. c. Ivanhoe Cambridge Inc.)

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Real Estate committee, Canadian Bar Association

- Member, Young Bar Association of Montréal
- Member, Lord Reading Law Society

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids Program

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2024) of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Real Estate Law) and in 2021 and 2022 (Commercial Leasing Law)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2021) of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Property Leasing)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Lexpert® Special Edition: Infrastructure*.
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2023) of *The Legal 500 Canada* as a Leading Lawyer (Real Estate).

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2008

- LLB (Gold medalist for finishing 1st of her promotion), Université de Montréal

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