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As leader of BLG's national Infrastructure Projects and Construction group, Gabriel Lefebvre provides legal guidance regarding some of the most complex work sites in the country. Whether in structuring large-scale projects or handling contractor claims, he promotes strategic dispute resolution through preventive and collaborative methods.

He brings this approach to all the major mandates in which he plays a key role. He has contributed on behalf of the firm to projects like the renovation of the Laviolette Bridge, the modernization of the Louis-Hippolyte-La Fontaine Tunnel, and the rollout of the Réseau express métropolitain (REM). These achievements demonstrate his ability to assist clients facing the most challenging legal issues in the industry.

Gabriel's position as a leader is confirmed by his peers – he was recently named Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, recognized as a "Litigation Star" in construction by Benchmark Litigation Canada, and featured in the prestigious *Lexpert Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers*.

He advises property owners, contractors, and surety companies throughout their entire project lifecycle, including on issues related to engineers' professional liability. He provides clients with strategic insights on matters including:

- claims management, additional work, and impact costs;
- bidding processes;
- compliance with licences and permits required by law;

- management of legal hypothecs;
- adherence to key legislation, such as the *Building Act* and the *Act respecting contracting by public bodies*.

As an experienced litigator, Gabriel assists in preparing complex cases and appears before all levels of court in Québec, consistently prioritizing solutions that help avoid legal escalation. He also acted as the regional leader of our Disputes – Commercial and Construction Group in Montréal for five years.

Sought-after for his forward-thinking vision, he is frequently invited to speak at conferences by leading organizations in his field, thereby helping shape best practices in the industry.

Gabriel is an elected member of BLG's Partnership Board, the firm's governing body.

Experience

- Assists and represents various contractors in claims against major institutional work providers
- Member of the BLG team working for the contractor in charge of the REM construction project
- Represented various major engineering firms in multi-million dollar cases against the ministry of transportation and municipalities
- Advises contractors on matters related to claims for extras and impact costs
- Advises and assists clients on regulatory matters, and negotiates and drafts agreements relating to infrastructure projects
- His experience in professional liability litigation has endowed Gabriel with a sound knowledge of insurance-related matters
- Acts as guest speaker at major conferences in the field of construction

Insights & Events

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Construction Law Section, Canadian Bar Association, Québec Branch, since 2015
- Chair, Construction Law Section, Canadian Bar Association, Québec Branch, 2018-2021
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Association of Consulting Engineering Companies

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2021) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2021) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada* as a Litigation Star (Construction).

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2020) of *The Lexpert®/ROB Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers.*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Legal 500 Canada* (Construction).

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2005

- Accelerated Leadership Program, Harvard Law School, 2020
- LLB, Université de Montréal, 2003

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