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**Isaac is a partner in BLG's Toronto office. He practices exclusively in the areas of administrative law and civil litigation.**

Isaac represents municipalities, public agencies and private landowners on a broad range of land-related litigation matters, including land-use planning appeals, expropriations and ground lease arbitrations.

He provides strategic planning and municipal law advice on issues including COVID-19 legislation, transit-oriented development, growth management and natural heritage, and regularly defends his clients' interests before the Ontario Land Tribunal and in court. Isaac has successfully secured or opposed complex planning approvals for a range of public- and private-sector clients, including hospitals, transit authorities, school boards, pension funds, developers, businesses and individual homeowners.

Isaac is a former Executive Member of the Ontario Bar Association (Municipal Law Section) and a guest lecturer for the Community Planning course at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. He is a frequent contributor on municipal and planning law matters and recognized in the 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada (Municipal Law).

Isaac provides legal services through a Law Corporation.

## Experience

- Representing public sector clients in planning policy and land use development matters, including defending both upper-tier and lower-tier municipalities from numerous appeals to their official plan reviews and publicly-initiated official plan amendments.
- Representing private sector clients in obtaining planning approvals, from the initial submission of development applications and negotiations with municipal staff to preparing for mediations and hearings at the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.
- Representing expropriating authorities and private landowners in land acquisition disputes at the Board of Negotiation and Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.
- Representing professional liability insurers in matters involving real estate transactions and disputes, including claims involving excess insurers.
- Acting as counsel in various proceedings before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Divisional Court involving land use development, land acquisition and building permit disputes.
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## Insights & Events

- Inclusionary Zoning Framework approved in Toronto
- Modernizing the Expropriation Framework: A Year of Change
- Inclusionary zoning, affordable rents up for consultation in Toronto
- Ontario's Building Transit Faster Act: New Mechanisms Aim to Speed Up Priority Transit Projects
- Does Bill 108 Mean a Return to the Old OMB Process?
- Fundamental Changes to Ontario's Planning Regime Proposed by Bill 108
- Author, "Why Ontario's new Growth Plan could be good news for builders", Ontario Home Builders' Association Magazine, May 2019
- Co-author, "Dealing with Unrepresented Litigants," Ontario Bar Association Municipal Law Professionalism Program, December 2017
- Presenter, "Provincially Significant Employment Zones: What is Significant and What is Not?", Law Society of Ontario's Six-Minute Municipal Lawyer, May 2019
- Co-Author and Presenter, "Pleadings, Practice and Procedural Fairness in the Post-Bill 139 World," Ontario Bar Association Institute 2019, February 2019
- Presenter, "What's Up with LPAT?," Ontario Expropriation Association Fall Conference, October 2018
- Author, "Managing Costs and Interest in Expropriations: The Shergar Story," Law Society of Ontario's Six-Minute Municipal Lawyer, May 2018
- Bill 139 Update: Major Changes to the Planning Act Come into Force on April 3, 2018
- Co-chair, "A New Era in Municipal and Planning Law," Ontario Bar Association Institute 2018, February 2018
- Province Releases Bill 139 Regulations For Transition From The OMB To The New Local Planning Appeal Tribunal
- The Overhaul Of The OMB
- Co-author, "The Ins and Outs of Inclusionary Zoning," Ontario Bar Association Institute 2017, February 2017
- Ontario Passes New Legislation to Allow Municipalities to Introduce Inclusionary Zoning
- Province Releases Public Consultation Document For OMB Review
- Town Of Richmond Hill Successfully Defends Parkland Decision At Divisional Court
- Province Introduces Bill 204, 'Promoting Affordable Housing Act,' to Permit Inclusionary Zoning
- How Bill 73 Affects Municipalities and Best Practices

- Author, "Case Comment: Ottawa (City) v. 267 O'Connor Limited," Ontario Bar Association Municipal Law Newsletter, February 2016
- Author, "Province Passes Bill 73, the "Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015," BLG Publication, December 2015 and reprinted in Municipal Liability Risk Management, January 2016

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Former Executive Member, Ontario Bar Association, Municipal Law Section
- Member, Ontario Expropriation Association
- Member, Urban Land Institute
- Participant, ULI Urban Leadership Program

### Community Involvement

- Mentor, Alumni-Student Mentorship Program, University of Toronto Faculty of Law

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2021) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Municipal Law)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Benchmark Litigation Canada* as a "Future Star"

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2011
- JD, University of Toronto, 2010
- BSc, Queen's University, 2007

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