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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 speaks French, English, Hebrew and Arabic fluently.

Experience

- Advised Triple M Metal in its joint venture with ArcelorMittal Long Products Canada to create Integrated Metal Recycling Inc.

- Acted in 2019 for BMO Life Assurance in connection with the acquisition and financing of 50% undivided co-ownership interest in 11 shopping centres (located in Quebec and Ontario) for a value of 200 million dollars.
- Acted in 2019 for WH Hospitality in connection with its acquisition and financing of the Hotel Pur in Quebec 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 AcceLAB 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 C\$535 million multi-family 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.
- Acting as external real estate counsel in the province of Québec of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited.
- Advising in connection with the establishment in Québec of The Brick Real Estate Corporation.
- Lender counsel to a number of Canadian institutional lenders in respect of commercial, retail and residential construction projects.
- Assisted in the sale in 2015 of the Hilton Bonaventure hotel in Montréal.
- Assisted in the sale in 2014 of the Auberge des Seigneurs in Saint-Hyacinthe, QC.
- Assisted in the sale in 2014 of the Hotel Tadoussac, in Tadoussac, QC.
- Assisted in the acquisition in 2012 of a 15-building portfolio in Montréal.
- Assisted in the sale in 2012 of the La Cité multi-residential complex in Montréal for over 232 million dollars.

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

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids Program

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Real Estate Law) and since 2021 (Commercial Leasing Law)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2021) of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Property Leasing)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition 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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