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Rob is a seasoned business and transactional lawyer who has expertise in domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, financings, private equity and venture capital.

He advises corporations, investment funds and other clients across a range of sectors, including energy and infrastructure.

In the energy sector, Rob works on matters involving generation (solar, wind, hydro, gas and nuclear), transmission and distribution, as well as projects for investors, lenders, retailers, marketers and other industry participants across Canada's electricity sector.

On infrastructure projects, he acts for public authorities, developers and design-builders, with a focus on:

- public-private partnerships including social infrastructure (hospitals, universities, courthouses and detention facilities)
- transportation (toll roads, rail and ports)
- large infrastructure projects in the energy sector (transmission lines and hydro facilities)

Rob has also acted on the formation and structuring of various project and investment vehicles, including energy and infrastructure funds, and has represented fund sponsors and institutional investors in connection with such transactions.

Rob is a member of the Toronto Board of Trade Energy Committee and is involved in a number of energy and infrastructure industry associations.

He has presented at numerous client seminars and webinars and has also authored client bulletins, newsletters and updates on various legal matters. Rob is also a member of the firm's Private Equity Steering Committee.

Experience

- Major energy transactions include the Keeyask Generating Station, the acquisition of 10 solar projects by Fiera Axium and Metlife Capital, the East-West Tie Transmission Project, the transactions to form Alectra Utilities Inc. and various acquisitions and divestures of wind, solar and other energy projects.
- Major infrastructure projects include Brockville General Hospital Project, the SickKids Patient Support Centre Project, Providence Care Hospital Project, New Oakville Hospital Project, Penetanguishene Centre Project, the CAMH Redevelopment Project, A25 Project and the Edmonton Valley Line LRT and Eglinton LRT Projects and various acquisitions and divestures of infrastructure projects.
- Acts for fund sponsors and institutional investors to form a number of private equity funds.

Insights & Events

- Chinook or Polar Vortex? Canada and the Biden Energy Plan, BLG Article, February 2021
- Canada's SMR Action Plan: regulatory change at the CNSC in action, BLG Article, December 2020
- National Electricity Markets Trends 2020, BLG Video, December 2020
- Private Equity Rollups: Strategic Considerations, BLG Article, February 2020

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Volunteer board member, John G. Althouse Before and After School Program

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Legal 500 Canada* as Next Generation Partner (Energy & Natural Resources - Power)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Energy Law)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2021) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Corporate Commercial Law, Energy (Electricity), Infrastructure Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2021) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*



Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2006
- LLB, University of Windsor, 2005
- JD, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2005
- BA (Hons.), Queen's University, 2002

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