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Rob Blackstein is a seasoned corporate and transactional lawyer and co-chair of BLG's Electricity Markets Group in Toronto. Rob is involved in all aspects of the energy and infrastructure industries, from upstream structuring between investors down to the project level, including project development, debt and equity financings, construction, operations, mergers and acquisition (M&A) transactions, both domestic and cross-border.

Rob works on a wide range of infrastructure and energy projects and transactions for public authorities, owners, lenders, equity providers, operators, customers, developers and design-builders. His experience in Canada's energy is extensive and spans transmission, distribution and generation (solar, wind, hydroelectric, gas and nuclear), district energy projects and hydrogen. Rob acts on a number of the sector's most significant and marquee energy and infrastructure transactions, including complex bilateral arrangements as well as number of “first of a kind" projects. Rob also acts 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. On large scale infrastructure projects, Rob acts for public authorities, developers and design-builders in a number of areas, including hospital projects, toll roads, rail and ports.

Rob is involved in a number of industry associations and is the Chair of the Toronto Board of Trade's Energy Transition Committee, a cross-sectoral committee that aims to develop a sustainable, reliable and affordable energy system in the Toronto Region in order to enable business growth.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Chinook or Polar Vortex? Canada and the Biden Energy Plan", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "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
- Author, "Private Equity Rollups: Strategic Considerations", BLG Article, February 2020

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Chair, Toronto Board of Trade's Energy Transition Committee
- Volunteer board member, John G. Althouse Before and After School Program

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized as a 2023 *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Legal 500 Canada* as Next Generation Partner (Energy & Natural Resources - Power)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2022) 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 2023 edition (and since 2021) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Recognized in the 2023 and 2021 editions 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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