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Andrew's practice focuses on surety and construction law. He advises and represents sureties, owners, contractors and other companies across Canada on:

- Bonding issues and bond claims
- Construction disputes and litigation
- Liens and lien litigation
- Drafting and negotiating contracts
- Procurement and development issues

Andrew's surety experience includes bond claims of any size or complexity. He is a go-to advisor for all bonding issues and works with virtually all bonding companies doing business in Canada. He is also regularly engaged by new sureties entering the Canadian market. A large part of Andrew's surety practice also includes proactive risk management, as well as pursuing rights of recovery.

Andrew also has a general construction law practice for issues arising between owners (both public and private), contractors and subcontractors. His construction practice includes litigation and all aspects of contract drafting and negotiation.

While representing clients involved in litigation, he regularly appears before various Ontario courts and has appeared before courts in other provinces.



Andrew lends his expertise by sitting on the Surety Association of Canada, Ontario Regional Committee and instructing a Construction & Surety Law course for the Surety Association of Canada's Associateship of Canadian Surety Bonding Designation Program.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Proving entitlement: No automatic right to payment in the face of deficiency claims", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "4 important construction industry trends to watch", BLG Article, October 2023
- Speaker, "Canadian Surety Legal Update," Surety Association of Canada, February 8, 2022
- Co-author, "Payment Certificates The Final Say?," On-Site Magazine, June 30, 2021.

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association
- Member, Building Industry and Land Development Association
- Member, Canadian Italian Advocates Organization
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Surety Association of Canada

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2024) of Best Lawyers in Canada® (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2024) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada* as a "Future Star"
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2024) of *Lexpert*® *Special Edition: Infrastructure*.
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2023) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada's* "40 & Under Hot List".

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2013
- JD, University of Toronto, 2012
- BA (Hons.), York University, 2009

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