

Catherine Gleason-Mercier

Partner

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Catherine is a Partner in the Construction and Infrastructure Practice Group at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP. She is a passionate advocate, who focuses on providing business-critical strategic counsel to clients facing complex legal challenges, particularly in complex commercial disputes and construction and infrastructure disputes. Catherine is dedicated to providing excellent client service, and ensuring the advancement of her clients' interests with a strategic focus on achieving their overall business objectives.

She has represented a diverse group of clients, including government entities and Crown corporations, owners and general contractors, and multinational public and private corporations. She has represented clients in complex commercial disputes, and has represented clients in the construction and infrastructure industry in a wide variety of disputes involving construction liens and trusts, bond and insurance claims, contract interpretation, delay and extras claims, and professional negligence. Catherine also routinely advises clients on the avoidance and management of risk in the administration of construction contracts.

Catherine has appeared at all levels of court in Ontario and also has extensive experience with mediation and commercial arbitration. She is also a dedicated supporter of Pro Bono Ontario and has regularly appeared as pro bono counsel at the Superior Court of Ontario and the Ontario Court of Appeal.

RANKINGS + RECOGNITION

- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer in the area of Construction Law in the Canadian Legal *Lexpert*® Directory.
- Recognized in *Benchmark Canada* - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys as a "Future Litigation Star"
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers Canada*® in the area of Construction Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers Canada*® as "One to Watch" in the area of Construction Law
- Recipient of the Philip Meyerovitch, K.C. Prize, awarded for the highest standing in Evidence (Civil)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Board of Directors, Associate Partner Program (APP), Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA)
- Member, Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Ontario Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Clock's Ticking - 3 *Gill Homes Inc. v. 5009796 Ontario Inc. (Kassar Homes)*, 'Time is of the Essence' Clauses and "Harsh" Outcomes," January, 2024
- Co-author, "I Take it Back - *Praxy Cladding Corp. v. Stone Lamina Inc.* and the Withdrawal of Admissions from Pleadings and Examinations for Discovery," December, 2023
- Co-author, "*Ponce v. Société d'investissements Rhéaume Itée*: Good Faith and the Measure of Damages in Québec," October, 2023



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EDUCATION

- Called to the Ontario Bar, 2013
- McGill University, Faculty of Law
 - LL.B and B.C.L. - degree conferred, 2012
- Clerkship for Credit at Superior Court of Quebec, 2012
- University of King's College, BA, First Class Honours in Classics, Dean's List, 2007

- Co-author, "[Special Issue: Delay Experts](#)," Construction Law Letter, May/June, 2023

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Risk Management and Disputes," Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA) Construction Symposium, April, 2024
- Instructor, "[The Osgoode Certificate in Public-Private Partnership \(P3\) Law and Practice in Canada](#)," Osgoode Hall Law School – Professional Development, September-October, 2023
- Speaker, "The Life of a Construction Project Workshop," Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA) Annual General Meeting & Conference, September, 2023
- Speaker, "Contractual Dispute Resolution Procedures – Challenges and Alternatives," Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA), April, 2023
- Speaker, "[Insights into Ontario's Project Delivery Models: Being Dispute Ready in the P3 Context](#)," Ontario Bar Association, October, 2022
- Speaker, "Managing Fact Witnesses," [Managing Disputes: Strategies for Optimizing Coordination between In-House and Litigation Counsel](#), Ontario Bar Association, May, 2022
- Speaker, "Prompt Payment and Adjudication," 15th Annual Ontario Road Builders' Association (ORBA) Road Building Academy, March, 2022
- Presenter, "[Construction Law Update: Legal Project Management](#)," Canadian Lawyer Webinar, September, 2021

NEWS + INSIGHTS

- [Clock's Ticking – 3 Gill Homes Inc. v. 5009796 Ontario Inc. \(Kassar Homes\), 'Time is of the Essence' Clauses and "Harsh" Outcomes](#) - Jan 22, 2024 • Co-authored
- [Highlights from ODACC's 4th Annual Report: Adjudication Continues to Grow](#) - Dec 8, 2023 • Co-authored
- [I Take it Back – Praxy Cladding Corp. v. Stone Lamina Inc. and the Withdrawal of Admissions from Pleadings and Examinations for Discovery](#) - Dec 1, 2023 • Co-authored
- [Ponce v. Société d'investissements Rhéaume Itée: Good Faith and the Measure of Damages in Québec](#) - Oct 31, 2023 • Co-authored