

James Little

Partner

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

James Little is a Partner in the Construction and Infrastructure Practice Group at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP. He advises on domestic and international construction disputes, including court proceedings, negotiation, arbitration and other dispute resolution alternatives and for a wide variety of construction industry clients.

In particular, James has advised clients of all sizes and on a variety of different types of projects including on major national and international infrastructure projects, mining projects, hospitals and commercial construction. His focus is on providing a high level of service through effective and timely advice and advocacy while managing and resolving disputes. James is often called upon to advise on construction projects during the design and construction phase also provides ongoing advice in respect of dispute avoidance and claims management.

James was part of the legal team advising the Ontario government in respect of the modernization of the *Construction Act* which resulted in the creation of a system of prompt payment and adjudication applicable in Ontario's construction industry. James similarly provided advice to the Government of Canada in respect of the introduction of its new prompt payment and adjudication legislation.

James has been recognized as a leading construction lawyer by *Best Lawyers*, *Who's Who Legal* and *Benchmark Canada* and was recently featured as a leading litigation lawyer in *Benchmark Litigation's 40 & Under Hot List*.

RANKINGS + RECOGNITION

- Recognized in *Benchmark Canada* – The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys as a "Future Litigation Star".
- Recognized in *Who's Who Legal* – Future Leader.
- Recognized as a leading lawyer in the *Expert® Globe and Mail Report on Business Special Edition on Infrastructure*.
- Ranked in the area of Construction Law by *Best Lawyers Canada®*.
- Recognized in *Benchmark Litigation's 40 & Under Hot List*.
- *Award of Excellence, 2019* (The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors "RICS" and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators "CI Arb").

MEMBERSHIPS

- Director, Society of Construction Law North America
- Member, Canadian Bar Association Young Lawyers Subcommittee for Construction and Infrastructure Law
- Member, Ontario Bar Association Construction and Infrastructure Section Executive
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association



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EDUCATION

- Called to the Ontario Bar, 2014
- Juris Doctor, University of Windsor, 2013
- Bachelor of Engineering Science, University of Western Ontario, 2008

EXPERIENCE

- Representing owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers in dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration and litigation.
- Drafting and negotiating various forms of construction contracts on behalf of owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers.
- Representing surety bonding companies in claims related to construction projects, including performance bond claims and labour and material payment bond claims.
- Advising construction clients in respect of construction projects in Canada, the United States and internationally.
- Advising owner clients and owner representatives in relation to major transit projects and related claims.
- Advising contractor clients in relation to termination and default issues.
- Involved in construction cases involving multiple parties and large volumes of documents, including:
 - Counsel to a general contractor in respect of various Claims for Lien and a breach of trust action on a multi-million dollar project.
 - Advising an EPCM Project Manager in relation to a CDN\$300 Million ICC Arbitration regarding an international mining dispute.
 - Advising on a CDN\$40 Million hospital transformation project.
- Representing an infrastructure client in relation to a multi-Billion cross-border transportation project.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods – When does it make sense to use them and which should you use?," On-Site Magazine, June, 2022
- Co-author, "Delay claims: What documents do you really need?," On-Site Magazine, December, 2020
- Co-author, "The Emergencies Act and the Construction Industry," May, 2020
- Co-author, "Construction Act to be Exempt from Suspension of Procedural Time Limits," April, 2020
- Co-author, "Extended Hours for Construction of Essential Projects in the Health Care Sector," April, 2020
- Co-author, "Consolidation of Adjudications under Ontario's New Construction Act," Journal of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, April, 2020
- Co-author, "When You Win: Enforcing The Adjudicator's Decision," Construction Law Letter | Volume 36, December, 2019
- Leadership Review, "Interview with James Little, Emerging Leader," Construction Economist, Spring, 2019
- Co-author, "Nova Scotia to Modernize its Construction Legislation and Introduce Prompt Payment and Adjudication," April, 2019
- Co-author, "SLAPP in the Face – Bondfield Prevails in Anti-SLAPP Motion," April, 2019
- Co-author, "A Report on the Introduction of Prompt Payment and Adjudication: Legislation in The Province of Ontario," The International Construction Law Review, January, 2019
- Co-author, "Singleton Reynolds' Report on Ontario Prompt Payment and Adjudication is featured in the International Construction Law Review Journal," January, 2019
- Co-author, "Fall Economic Statement 2018: Federal Prompt Payment and Adjudication To Be Introduced," November, 2018
- Co-author, "Prompt Payment and Adjudication in Manitoba: The Ontario Approach Adopted," November, 2018
- Co-author, "I Once Was Lost But Now I'm Found: Ontario Government to Amend the Construction Act via Bill 57, the Restoring Trust, Transparency and Accountability Act," November, 2018
- Author, "A Bargain Struck: Surety Bonds under Ontario's New Construction Act," September, 2018
- Co-author, "A New Construction Act – What Has Changed and How Will It Affect P3 Projects?," *Expert Special Edition on Infrastructure*, September, 2018
- Co-author, "Discretion and Fairness in Contractor Debarment: *Interpaving Limited v City of Greater Sudbury*, 2018 ONSC 3005," August, 2018

- Co-author, "Ontario's New Construction Act: Key Changes Coming into Force on Canada Day," June, 2018
 - Co-author, Case Study, "Developing Public Policy," June, 2018
 - Co-author, "Somewhat Lost in Transition?," May, 2018
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PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, "Case Studies by Region: COVID and Developing Uncertainty in Construction," Society of Construction Law North American Inaugural Annual Conference, July, 2022
 - Speaker, "Construction Act Adjudication," Ontario General Contractors' Association 13th Construction Symposium, April, 2022
 - Panelist, "Federal and Ontario Prompt Payment," Construction and Infrastructure Law Online Symposium, Canadian Bar Association, October, 2021
 - Keynote Speaker, CIQS Prompt Payment & Adjudication Webinar Event, June, 2020
 - Presenter and Moderator, Ontario General Contractor Association 11th Annual Construction Symposium, April, 2019
 - Presenter, "What Happens After Adjudication?," Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development, April, 2019
 - Presenter, "Prompt Payment and Adjudication: Are You and Your Clients Ready?," Ontario Bar Association, May, 2019
 - Presenter and Moderator, "The New Construction Act: What you Need to Know," Lexpert® Executive Course, November, 2018
 - Speaker, "A Guide to the Construction Act of Ontario: Modernizing the Lien Act," The Building Show (Ontario General Contractors Association Seminar), November, 2018
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NEWS + INSIGHTS

- [Construction Act to be Exempt from Suspension of Procedural Time Limits](#) - Apr 10, 2020 • Co-authored
- [The Emergencies Act and the Construction Industry](#) - Mar 21, 2020 • Co-authored
- [When you Win: Enforcing the Adjudicator's Decision](#) - Jan 7, 2020
- [Presley v Van Dusen: Implications for Limitations Defenses for Multiple Construction Defendants](#) - Aug 19, 2019 • Co-authored
- [The Authorized Nominating Authority Has Been Appointed](#) - Jul 26, 2019 • Co-authored
- [Update on Federal Prompt Payment – Royal Assent](#) - Jul 8, 2019 • Co-authored
- [British Columbia Introduces Prompt Payment Legislation](#) - Jun 5, 2019 • Co-authored
- [New Regulatory Amendments under the New Construction Act](#) - May 27, 2019 • Co-authored
- [Nova Scotia to Modernize its Construction Legislation and Introduce Prompt Payment and Adjudication](#) - Apr 8, 2019 • Co-authored
- [SLAPP in the Face - Bondfield Prevails in Anti-SLAPP Motion](#) - Apr 1, 2019 • Co-authored
- [Singleton Reynolds' Report on Ontario Prompt Payment and Adjudication is featured in the International Construction Law Review Journal](#) - Jan 21, 2019 • Co-authored
- [Fall Economic Statement 2018: Federal Prompt Payment and Adjudication To Be Introduced](#) - Nov 23, 2018 • Co-authored
- [Prompt Payment and Adjudication in Manitoba: The Ontario Approach Adopted](#) - Nov 20, 2018 • Co-authored
- [I Once Was Lost But Now I'm Found: Ontario Government to Amend the Construction Act via Bill 57, the Restoring Trust, Transparency and Accountability Act](#) - Nov 16, 2018 • Co-authored
- [A Bargain Struck: Surety Bonds under Ontario's New Construction Act](#) - Sep 28, 2018
- [Discretion and Fairness in Contractor Debarment: Interpaving Limited v City of Greater Sudbury, 2018 ONSC 3005](#) - Aug 10, 2018 • Co-authored
- [Federal Review on Prompt Payment and Adjudication Now Available](#) - Aug 8, 2018 • Co-authored

- [Ontario's New Construction Act: Key Changes Coming into Force on Canada Day](#) - Jun 29, 2018 • Co-authored
- [Developing Public Policy](#) - Jun 15, 2018 • Co-authored
- [Somewhat Lost in Transition?](#) - May 30, 2018 • Co-authored

COMMUNITY + VOLUNTEERING

- Member, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP