

James Little

Partner

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

James Little is a Partner in the Construction and Infrastructure Practice Group of 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 offers clients timely advice in relation to construction lien matters whether they are commencing a lien action or defending one. In addition, James advises clients on corporate matters including procurement, contract administration and dispute avoidance techniques.

James was part of the legal team acting on behalf of the Ontario Government in conducting a review of Ontario's Construction Lien Act and delivering a report, *Striking the Balance: Expert Review of the Construction Lien Act*. He worked with Partners Bruce Reynolds and Sharon Vogel then worked closely with the Ministry of the Attorney General in drafting Bill 142, "An Act to Amend the Construction Lien Act." Bill 142 included 98 out of the 101 recommendations presented in the report, and was recently proclaimed in the Ontario Legislative Assembly.

Subsequently, James was a member of the legal team acting for Public Service and Procurement Canada (PSPC) and the Government of Canada in conducting a review of prompt payment and adjudication on Federal construction projects. The report, Building a Federal Framework for Prompt Payment and Adjudication, was delivered to PSPC on June 8, 2018.

Prior to joining Singleton Reynolds, James was an Associate for a national law firm as a member of the Construction and Infrastructure Group. James also spent time as counsel to an international insurance corporation, working as part of its Bond and Specialty Insurance Group where he was actively engaged with contractors, owners and subcontractors in resolving bond claims and project disputes.

RANKINGS + RECOGNITION

- Ranked in the area of Construction Law by *Best Lawyers Canada®*.
- *Award of Excellence, 2019* (The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors "RICS" and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators "CI Arb.").

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chair, 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

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.



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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

- 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.
 - Participating in the legal team advising an EPCM Project Manager in relation to a CDN\$300 Million ICC Arbitration regarding an international mining dispute.
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PUBLICATIONS

- 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, *"The Emergencies Act and the Construction Industry"*, May, 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?"*, Lexpert 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

- Keynote Speaker, CIQS Prompt Payment & Adjudication Webinar Event, June, 2020
- Presenter and Moderator, Ontario General Contractor Association 11th Annual Construction Symposium, April, 2019
- Presenter, Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development, *"What Happens After Adjudication?"*, April, 2019
- Presenter, Ontario Bar Association, *"Prompt Payment and Adjudication: Are You and Your Clients Ready?"*, May,

2019

- Presenter and Moderator, *"The New Construction Act: What you Need to Know"*, Lexpert® Executive Course, November 2018
- Speaker, The Building Show (Ontario General Contractors Association Seminar), *"A Guide to the Construction Act of Ontario: Modernizing the Lien Act"*, November 2018

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