

Jesse Gardner

Partner

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Jesse Gardner is a Partner in the Construction and Infrastructure Practice Group at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP.

Jesse advises a wide range of construction industry clients, including owners, general contractors, engineers and sureties in relation to major construction and infrastructure projects on issues such as delay and deficiency claims, fee disputes, and insurance matters. His practice focuses on effective dispute resolution, advisory work and strong written and oral advocacy. He has managed complex disputes on large-scale infrastructure projects including light rail train systems, waste-water treatment and power plants, wind farms, highway construction and mining projects. He has experience managing delay and subject matter experts through the litigation process and has assisted clients through arbitration and litigation proceedings.

Jesse has appeared before both the Ontario Court of Justice and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, as well as before various administrative boards and tribunals. Jesse aims to assist clients in resolving disputes efficiently and cost-effectively, although he is an aggressive advocate when attending court to secure results for his clients.

Jesse has been recognized as a leading construction lawyer by *Who's Who Legal* and *Benchmark Canada*. He was recently featured as a *Lawyer to Watch* by *Lexpert®*, and he was named in *Benchmark Litigation's 40 & Under Hot List*.

RANKINGS + RECOGNITION

- Recognized as a leading lawyer in the *Lexpert® Globe and Mail Report on Business Special Edition on Infrastructure*
 - Recognized as a Leading Lawyer for Energy Law in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Globe and Mail Special Edition*.
 - Recognized in *Benchmark Canada* - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys as a "Future Litigation Star" and featured in the *40 and Under Hot List*
 - Recognized in *Who's Who Legal* - Future Leader
 - Recognized as a Lawyer to Watch in the *Lexpert® Directory*
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MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Society of Construction Law North America
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association
- Member, Toronto Construction Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Advocates' Society



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EDUCATION

- Called to the Manitoba Bar, 2019
- Called to the Ontario Bar, 2014
- Juris Doctor, University of Windsor, 2013
- Bachelor of Arts with an Honours Specialization in Political Science, University of Western Ontario, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, *"Wastech v Greater Vancouver Sewerage: Uncertainty Remains,"* March, 2021
- Co-author, *"The Implications of Force Majeure and Frustration in the Time of COVID-19,"* April, 2020
- Co-author, *"Managing Utilities Risk in Urban Transit Infrastructure Projects,"* ReNew Canada Magazine, June, 2019
- Co-author, *"Duty to Notify Beneficiaries Under a Labour and Material Payment Bond,"* July, 2018

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Geotechnical Risk: Allocation of Contractual Risk and Managing Geotechnical Claims", Ontario General Contractors' Association 13th Construction Symposium, April, 2022
- Speaker, *"Industry Impacts and Considerations Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic"*, 15th Annual Ontario Road Builders' Association (ORBA) Road Building Academy, March, 2022
- Speaker, *"Risk Management in the Context of Alternative Project Delivery Models"*, 15th Annual Ontario Road Builders' Association (ORBA) Road Building Academy, March, 2022
- Speaker, *"Working with Consultants"*, Educate Me, Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA) Virtual Symposium, April, 2021
- Speaker, *"Dispute Resolution for Construction Projects: Assessing Improvements to the Process, and Determining Which Method is Right for You"*, The Canadian Institute's 13th Annual National Symposium on Managing Risk in Construction Contracts and Projects, February, 2021
- Speaker, *"The New Construction Act: Adjudication"*, Brampton: What Municipalities Need To Know Seminar, 2019
- Speaker, *"Adjudication Primer" and "Prompt Payment – Practical Considerations"*, Ontario Road Builders' Association Workshop, 2019
- Speaker, *"Managing the Legalities of Risk in Geotechnical Engineering"*, The Canadian Geotechnical Society – Southern Ontario Section Workshop, 2019
- Speaker, *"The New Construction Act: What You Need to Know"*, Lexpert® Conference, 2018

NEWS + INSIGHTS

- *Wastech v Greater Vancouver Sewerage: Uncertainty Remains* - Mar 10, 2021 • Co-authored
- *The Implications of Force Majeure and Frustration in the Time of COVID-19* - Apr 8, 2020 • Co-authored
- *Duty to Notify Beneficiaries Under a Labour and Material Payment Bond* - Jul 19, 2018 • Co-authored

COMMUNITY + VOLUNTEERING

Jesse is a Big Brother with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto.