

Webnesh Haile

Lawyer

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Webnesh is a lawyer who works with the Construction and Infrastructure Practice Group at Singleton Urquhart Reynolds Vogel LLP. She has a broad construction law practice and has acted for owners, concessionaires, sureties, developers, engineers, contractors and subcontractors at various stages of project development and execution. Her dispute resolution practice has included acting for various parties in the construction chain during litigation, arbitration, mediation and negotiation, and advising regarding strategic dispute management prior to the commencement of formal proceedings.

Webnesh also drafts and advises on the negotiation of construction contracts, including CCDC and ACEC standard form contracts and supplementary conditions, and has experience relating to insurance matters, including with respect to commercial general liability, builder's risk and wrap-up liability policies.

Webnesh previously summered, articulated and was engaged as an Associate practicing construction law at a national law firm and at Singleton Reynolds.

RANKINGS + RECOGNITION

- Recognized in *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business (Construction)* as an Associate to Watch in the area of Construction Law.
- Ranked in the area of Construction Law by *Best Lawyers Canada®*
- Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award, University of Toronto

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Advocates' Society's Young Advocates Standing Committee
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Ontario Bar Association, Construction and Infrastructure Law, Natural Resources and Energy Law and Young Lawyers' Division Sections
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, Construction Law Section

EXPERIENCE

- Acted for an EPCM joint venture in a CDN\$300 million ICC arbitration relating to a mining project in South America
 - Acted for an EPC contractor in respect of its CDN\$100 million claim relating to a hydro-electric project in Canada
 - Acted for a joint venture design-builder in respect of its CDN\$190 million counterclaim relating to a PPP highway project in Canada
 - Acted for a surety in a series of multi-million dollar disputes involving a defaulting completion contractor
 - Assisted with the review of the *Construction Lien Act*
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EDUCATION

- Called to the Ontario Bar, 2016
- Juris Doctor, University of Toronto, 2015
- Bachelor of Science (with Distinction), University of Toronto, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "[A Call To Allyship: How to be an Effective Ally](#)," The Advocates' Society | Keeping Tabs, July, 2020
 - Co-Author, "[Case Comment: A Narrow Interpretation of the Coverage Available Under a Builder's Risk Insurance Policy: Pre-Eng v. Intact](#)," (2019) 37:6 Can. J. Ins. L. 61; originally published in the Ontario Bar Association's Construction and Infrastructure Section Newsletter, August, 2019
 - Co-Author, "[A Thousand Pounds a Word: Following Ledcor, Policy Wording Continues to Govern in Insurance Policy Disputes](#)," Canadian College of Construction Lawyers Legal Update #151, March, 2019
 - Co-Author, "Are Construction Defects Covered Property Damage in an Insurance Contract?," Construction Law Letter, Vol. 33, No. 5, May/June, 2017
 - Co-Author, "[Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review in the Post-Devolution Northwest Territories](#)," Kevin Hanna, ed, Environmental Impact Assessment: Practice and Participation, 3d ed (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2015)
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PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, "Best Practices in Construction Arbitration Advocacy and Handling Common Issues in Arbitrations," The Advocates' Society, November, 2022
 - Guest Lecturer, "Starting with the Right Contract," Toronto Metropolitan University (Architectural Science), September, 2022
 - Guest Lecturer, "Changes to the Construction Act," George Brown College (Angelo DelZotto School of Construction Management), March, 2021
 - Panelist, "Young Lawyers Mental Health and Legal Practice Roundtable," University of Toronto Faculty of Law, March, 2019
 - Presenter, "The New Construction Act: What you Need to Know," Lexpert Executive Course, November, 2018
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NEWS + INSIGHTS

- [Case Comment: A Narrow Interpretation of the Coverage Available Under a Builder's Risk Insurance Policy - Pre-Eng v. Intact](#). - Jul 22, 2019 • Co-authored
 - [Singleton Reynolds welcomes three new Associates](#) - Sep 20, 2018 • Co-authored
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COMMUNITY + VOLUNTEERING

- Board Member, Habitat for Humanity GTA
- Former Volunteer, University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA)