

Legal Corner #1 - Wind Farms, Issues of Compliance and OBOA Journal

DATE: Wednesday, October 9th, 2013 TIME: 10:30 am

LOCATION: Webster

GUEST SPEAKERS: Mr. John Mascarin - Aird Berlis, Mr. Stephen Lockwood - MMAH, Mr.

Christopher Williams - Aird Berlis, Mr. Leo Longo - Aird Berlis

DESCRIPTION: Leo Longo, John Mascarin, Chris Williams | Aird & Berlis - Stephen Lockwood | MMAH, Wind Farms, Issues of Compliance and OBOA Journal

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. John Mascarin Admitted to the Ontario Bar: 1989

John is a partner and a member of the Municipal and Land Use Planning Group. He is also Chair of the firm's Student Recruitment Committee.

Practice: John practices in the areas of local government and municipal law, development, land use and planning law, and building and construction regulation. He provides advice, counsel and representation to both private and public sector clients on all matters relating to municipal law as well as land use planning and development matters, including development charges, building regulatory matters and various contractual arrangements. John appears regularly before municipal councils, committees, public authorities and boards, administrative tribunals (particularly the Ontario Municipal Board) and the Ontario Courts. He is an acknowledged expert on the Municipal Act, 2001 and on matters pertaining to municipal powers, authorities and jurisdiction. John's opinions and comments respecting municipal law are much sought after by the media as demonstrated by his many interviews on television and radio as well as in numerous print sources.

Special Designations:

Recognized in The Best Lawyers in Canada in the fields of Municipal Law and Real Estate Law (2010-2013)

Appears in The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in the area of Property Development (2012-2013)

Certified Specialist in Municipal Law: Local Government and Land Use Planning and Development by the Law Society of Upper Canada

IMLA President's Award for Most Outstanding Associate Member (2011) Lifetime Honourary Membership - Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians (2009) MembershipsCanadian/Ontario Bar Association (Past Chair, Municipal Law Section)
Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians
International Municipal Lawyers Association (Associate Member)
Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians

Teaching Engagements:

Course Director (2012) - "Ethics and Municipalities"
Osgoode Hall Law School - "LL.M. in Municipal Law"
Adjunct Professor (2008-2013) - "Land Use Planning Law"
Osgoode Hall Law School - J.D. Program
York University - Faculty of Environmental Studies - M.E.S. Program
Course Director (2010) - "Land Use Regulations & Property Development"
Osgoode Hall Law School - LL.M. in Real Property Law
Course Director (2006 and 2011) - "Municipalities in a Legal & Policy Context"
Osgoode Hall Law School - LL.M. in Municipal Law
Guest Lecturer (2005 and 2007) - "Land Use Planning Law"
York University - Faculty of Environmental Studies - M.E.S. Program
Guest Lecturer (2008 - 2012) - "Securing Public Benefits from Urban Development"
Ryerson University - School of Urban & Regional Planning - M.E.S. Program
Guest Lecturer (2007 - 2008) - "Land Development"

Education:

LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1987 M.A., University of Toronto, 1984 B.A., University of Toronto, 1983

Schulich School of Business - M.B.A. Program

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Stephen Lockwood

Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General, Legal Services Branch - Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

Stephen received an LL.B. from Dalhousie Law School in 2006 and was called to the Bar in Ontario in 2007. He articled with the Legal Services Branch - Municipal Affairs and Housing and was counsel in the Branch's Planning Law Section until August 2011. He is currently counsel in the Branch's Municipal Law Section, with a focus on matters related to Ontario's Building Code. He is a past member of the Ontario Bar Association's Municipal Law Section executive. Stephen has presented on Building Code related topics to the Large Municipalities Chief Building Officials group and has written articles published in the Ontario Building Officials Association Journal.

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Christopher Williams Admitted to the Ontario Bar: 1980

Christopher Williams has been a partner of the firm since 1993 and he is a member of

the firm's Municipal and Land Use Planning Group, as well as the Environmental and Infrastructure Teams.

Practice:

Chris practises in all areas of municipal law, including land use planning and development, environmental law, administrative law/litigation, development charges, educational development charges, user fees and charges, municipal finance, conflicts of interest, municipal restructuring, building code matters and bylaw prosecutions and defence. He regularly appears before municipal councils and committees, the Ontario Municipal Board, the Assessment Review Board and all levels of courts in Ontario. He represents a number of public and private-sector clients.

Prior to joining the firm, Chris was Director of Planning and Development Law Division, Law Department, City of Scarborough, where he was responsible for all planning, real estate, development and expropriation matters involving the city. Upon his call to the bar, he was a solicitor with the legal branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Province of Ontario, dealing with a variety of municipal issues of importance to the province.

Memberships:

Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships
Canadian/Ontario Bar Association (Executive of the Municipal Law Section)
Canadian Property Tax Association
International Municipal Lawyers Association
Ontario Expropriation Association
The Advocates' Society

Education:

J.D., University of Windsor, 1978 B.A. (Hons., Summa Cum Laude), McMaster University, 1975

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Leo Longo Admitted to the Ontario Bar: 1979

Leo Longo is a senior partner and member of the firm's Municipal and Land Use Planning Group.

PracticeLeo's practice is devoted to all areas of land use planning, development law and municipal law, representing both private and public sector clients.

Special Designations

Received the Ontario Bar Association's Award of Excellence in Municipal Law
Certified Specialist in Municipal Law: Local Government and Land Use Planning and
Development by the Law Society of Upper Canada
Appears in all editions of The Lexpert American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers

in Canada as a leading lawyer in the area of Property Development Appears in all editions of The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, a guide to the leading law firms and practitioners in Canada, as a leading lawyer in the area of Property Development

Recognized in The Best Lawyers in Canada in the field of Real Estate Law (2006-2012)
Achieved the BV Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating
Received the Ontario Building Officials Association's Yaman Uzumeri International Award of Excellence.