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Peter D. Banks is a litigation partner in BLG's Calgary office, practicing complex commercial and construction litigation and arbitration. With over 20 years of experience, Peter has acted on many significant matters in litigation and in domestic and international arbitration, particularly large industrial and infrastructure projects.

Peter has experience in the Court of King's Bench of Alberta, the Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Canada, and in arbitration matters under ICC, UNCITRAL, ADRIC rules, as well as *ad hoc* arbitrations. He also has experience in large cases involving contract disputes, constitutional issues, tax issues, shareholder disputes, and injunctions. He has acted in significant cases involving claims of breach of contract, engineering issues, deficiencies, change orders, delay, liquidated damages, warranty, indemnity, and tendering issues on large projects. These matters include a wide variety of infrastructure and industrial projects such as airports, highways, bridges, LRTs, tunnels, pipelines, municipal buildings, concert halls, potash plants, carbon capture plants, sour gas processing facilities, and other industrial plants.

Peter is a former chair of The Advocates' Society's Construction Law Practice Group and the CBA's Civil Litigation South Section. He is currently the co-lead of BLG's Calgary regional appellate group. He is also a contributor to *Arbitration Matters*.

Peter has a BCL (with distinction) from the University of Oxford, and an LLB (with distinction and gold medallist) and BEd (with distinction) from the University of Alberta. He clerked for the Hon. Justice Major at the Supreme Court of Canada and has since appeared at the Supreme Court as counsel on four cases.

Insights & Events

- Author, "[Danger of Bifurcated Proceedings](#)," Arbitration Matters, July 2024
- Co-Author, "[Construction Arbitration: Canada](#)," Global Arbitration Review (GAR), May 2024
- Author, "[No arbitrator bias where prima facie merits and credibility determinations made](#)," Arbitration Matters, May 2024
- Auteur, « Disclosure of investigation reports to the regulators was a waiver of privilege », article de BLG, avril 2024
- Author, "[Stay in favour of non-party to arbitration agreement in multi-party construction dispute](#)," Arbitration Matters, April 2024
- Contributor, "Alberta Civil Procedure Handbook 2024 (Juriliber)," Stevenson & Côté, 2024
- Speaker, "Alternative Dispute Resolution: So what is the right 'Alternative'?", Society of Construction Law, December 2023
- Presenter, "SCC's recent decision on the Impact Assessment Act Reference," CBA Civil Litigation section, October 2023.
- Auteur, « La Cour suprême juge inconstitutionnelle la Loi sur l'évaluation d'impact », article de BLG, octobre 2023
- Presenter, "Evidence in Canada for Cross-Border Disputes and the Implied Undertaking," The Commercial Bar Association, England and Wales (COMBAR), North American Meeting, May-June 2023
- Moderator, "Exculpatory Clauses in Construction Contracts", The Society of Construction Law - Prairies Chapter, Sept 21, 2022
- Auteur, « GAR Construction Arbitration Know-How », article de BLG, juillet 2021
- Speaker, "[Navigating Construction Delay & Impact Claims in a Pandemic](#)," *The Advocates' Society*, November 2020
- Co-Author, "Construction Arbitration Canada," *Global Arbitration Review*, June 2020.
- Auteur, « Timelines for Alberta builders' liens during the COVID-19 state of emergency », article de BLG, avril 2020
- Auteur, « Supreme Court of Canada to Hear Two New Cases on Good Faith in Contract », article de BLG, novembre 2019
- Co-Author, "Liquidated Damages and the Prevention Principle in Canada," Construction Law Letter, September/October 2019.
- Co-Author, "Canada Chapter on Construction Arbitration," Global Arbitration Review, 2019.
- Presenter, "Recent Developments on Summary Judgment in Canada," The Commercial Bar Association, England and Wales (COMBAR), North American Meeting, May 2019
- Speaker, "Interlocutory Relief," The Commercial Bar Association, May, 2019.
- Auteur, « Alberta Court Of Appeal Panel Of Five To Hear Summary Judgment Appeals », article de BLG, septembre 2018
- Co-speaker, "Updates on the Law of Tendering," Canadian Bar Association, Edmonton
- Regular Contributor, Stevenson & Côté Alberta Civil Procedure Handbook (Juriliber)
- Speaker, "International Arbitration," University of Calgary Faculty of Law Lecture
- Speaker, "Update on the Law of Tendering - Last 5 Years of SCC Treatment and Outstanding Current Issues," Canadian Bar Association

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Secrétaire, Collège canadien des avocats en droit de la construction, 2018-2019
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Fellow, Collège canadien des avocats en droit de la construction, depuis 2014
- Member, Society of Construction Law North America
- Membre, Association du Barreau canadien, section Droit de la construction
- Associé directeur régional et membre, Comité de gestion national de BLG, 2006-2017
- Associé directeur régional et président, Comité de gestion régional (bureau de Montréal), 2006-2017

Community Involvement

- Président et président du conseil d'administration, The Pillars Trust Fund Inc., depuis 2013
- Membre du conseil d'administration, 21CCC, 2015-2018

Awards & Recognition

- Professional Recognition
 - Benchmark Canada Litigation Star – since 2025
 - The Best Lawyers in Canada® Appellate Practice – since 2024
 - The Best Lawyers in Canada® Construction Law - since 2022
 - The Best Lawyers in Canada® Corporate and Commercial Litigation – since 2021
 - The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (Commercial Arbitration) – since 2024
 - The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (Construction Law) – since 2022
 - Lexpert® Special Edition: Infrastructure – since 2022
 - Benchmark Canada Future Star – since 2021
 - Lexpert® Guide to the Leading U.S./Canada Cross-border Litigation Lawyers in Canada - “Litigation Lawyer to Watch” (2008)
 - Lexpert's® Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40 (2008)
- Academic Awards (Selected)
 - Allen & Overy Prize for the Best Performance in Global Comparative Financial Law at the University of Oxford (University of Oxford)
 - Viscount Bennett Scholarship (Law Society of Alberta)
 - Horace Harvey Gold Medal in Law (highest overall grade point average in LL.B. degree) (University of Alberta)
 - Louise McKinney Scholarship (exceptional academic achievement) (University of Alberta)
 - Parlee Scholarship (outstanding merit in both first and second year law) (University of Alberta)
 - Chief Justice S. Bruce Smith Prize (highest standing in first year law) (University of Alberta)

Admission au Barreau et formation

- Saskatchewan, 2016
- Alberta, 2003
- Certificat, University of Oxford, 2004
- Certificat Leadership in Law Firms, Université de l'Alberta, 2002

- LL. B., Université de l'Alberta, 1997

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