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Surety and Bonding
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Laura is a construction lawyer and surety lawyer. She represents surety bonding companies, owners, engineers, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, and financial institutions.

Laura previously trained and worked in civil engineering prior to becoming a lawyer. In engineering, she worked on site on commercial, municipal, mining, energy, transit, and aggregate projects across Canada.

As a lawyer, Laura provides prompt, practical, and strategic advice to clients. She advises clients through the lifespan of a construction project. She advises on procurement and contract negotiation and drafting. She also represents clients with their surety and construction disputes. She has advised clients on disputes before Independent Certifiers and represented clients in mediation, arbitration, and litigation. She has appeared at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Laura is an appointed Member-at-Large of the Canadian Bar Association's Construction and Infrastructure Law Executive. She has taught the Surety and Construction Law course for the Surety Association of Canada's Associateship of Canadian Surety Bonding Designation (ACSB) Program since 2019.



## Experience

- Member of the advisory team to the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General on the overhaul of Ontario's Construction Lien Act to create the Construction Act.
- Advises surety clients on the development of new forms of surety bonds.
- Advises hospitals through procurement processes, drafting contracts, and disputes, including on multibillion dollar projects.
- Acts for owners and contractors in the energy sector on procurement, drafting contracts, and disputes, including on multi-million dollar projects.
- Acted for transit owners in relation to rail and associated infrastructure projects and on vehicle supply disputes, including on multi-million dollar projects
- Acts for engineers, consultants, and subcontractors on rail and transit projects.
- Advises banks and mortgage lenders regarding construction priority claims over mortgages.
- Advises surety clients in relation to performance bond, payment bond, and customs bonds disputes.

## **Insights & Events**

- Author, "The new "Surety Bonds" regulation under Ontario's Planning Act", BLG Article, December 2024
- Author, "Are you prepared for the new changes to Ontario's Construction Act?", BLG Article, December 2024
- Quoted, "One size does not fit all," Lexpert Business Law, May 2023
- Author, "Selecting the Right Delivery Model for your Project," Construction Law Letter, July 2022
- Author, "New Developments for the New Construction Act", BLG Article, September 2019
- Contributing author, "Chapter 5: Canada," The Public-Private Partnership Law Review, 3rd Edition, 2017
- Co-author, "The analysis of pulse interference tests conducted in a fractured rock aquifer bounded by a moving free surface", 35 Advances in Water Resources 20, 2012
- Presenter, National Groundwater Association Summit, Baltimore, MD, 2011

## **Beyond our Walls**

#### **Professional Involvement**

- Associate Member, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers
- Member-At-Large, Executive Committee, CBA Construction and Infrastructure Law Section
- Instructor, Surety and Construction Law, Associateship of Canadian Surety Bonding Designation (ACSB)
   Program of the Surety Association of Canada
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association

#### **Community Involvement**

Volunteer and mentor, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)



# Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada™ (Construction Law)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (Construction Law)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of Lexpert® Special Edition: Infrastructure

#### **Bar Admission & Education**

- Ontario, 2016
- JD, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2015
- MASc (Civil Engineering), Queen's University, 2011
- BASc (Civil Engineering), University of Toronto, 2009

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