



Elliot A. Smith

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Bar Admission: Ontario, 2008

Areas of Expertise

Nuclear Energy

Government and Public Sector

Professional Services

Renewable Energy

Power and Utilities

Manufacturing

Agribusiness

Mining and Natural Resources

Infrastructure

Construction

Elliot advises his clients on all aspects of construction and infrastructure projects across Canada, including project development, structuring, procurement, contract negotiation and administration.

He regularly advises clients on all areas of construction law, including construction contracts, lien holdback, prompt payment and other legislative obligations; design and consulting contracts; major equipment supply agreements for all types of industrial equipment; O&M and services agreements; and long-term utility supply agreements. Elliot's practice has a strong emphasis on the development of energy assets, including both renewable and conventional generating facilities.

Prior to joining Osler, Elliot worked at a number of institutions involved in the Ontario electricity market, including Ontario Power Generation, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and the Ontario Power Authority (prior to its merger with the IESO). He is also a professional engineer.

Elliot is the author of *The Canadian Construction Contracts Guidebook*, the leading Canadian text on construction contracts. The second edition of the book was published in 2025.

Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Energy: Power (Transactional)

- **The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:** Recognized in Energy: Electricity
- **Lexpert: Rising Stars:** Recognized as a Lexpert Rising Star: Leading Lawyers Under 40
- **Thomson Reuters:** "Stand-out Lawyer"
- **Lexpert Special Edition:** Recognized in Energy

Community Involvement

- Osler Give-a-Day Campaign, Volunteer
- Osler Pride Network, Partner Support
- Connect Legal, Pro Bono Lawyer

Credentials

Education

- University of Toronto, J.D.
- University of Waterloo, B.A.Sc. (Systems Design Engineering)

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Languages

- English

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Professional Affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Law Society of Ontario
- Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario