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Expertise

Commercial Real Estate and

Municipal Planning

Business and Corporate Commercial

Education

- Osgoode Hall Law School, LL.B., 1981
 - York University, B.A., 1977
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Bar Admission

- Ontario Bar, 1983

Executive Summary

Fred brings his over 30 years of experience in the practice of law in assisting his clients in the negotiation and completion of sophisticated and diverse commercial real estate and corporate/commercial transactions. Commercial real estate services include:

- representing real estate developers in the financing, acquisition and development of commercial real estate, including significant tracts of land in the City of Toronto's waterfront area
- negotiating and crafting sophisticated leasing agreements for commercial landlords, including build-to-suit leases, ground leases and commercial leases
- representing real estate investors with respect to the corporate and tax-planned reorganizations of their holdings, including structuring and representing them in the disposition of such real estate holdings
- representing real estate developers and landlords with all aspects of their development documents including co-ownership agreements, limited partnerships, management and development agreements, equity participation agreements and the like

Corporate/commercial services include:

- representing clients on sales, acquisitions, mergers and private investments involving both assets and/or shares
- representing corporate and business clients in their on-going legal commercial requirements, including the negotiation and completion of leasing arrangements, credit facility transactions, employment and management agreements and various other commercial documents
- representing corporate business clients with their corporate requirements, including corporate reorganizations (whether for tax or estate planning purposes), shareholders agreements and general corporate governance matters

Fred is known for his hard-working, dedicated and efficient work-style and combines that work ethic with uncompromising service to his clients and professionalism in his work. His corporate clients range from small family-based companies to international corporations.

Articles and Presentations

- Lecturer for Investors' Group seminars.
- Lecturer at various continuing education seminars on a variety of corporate/commercial topics.



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Recognition

- Best Lawyers in Canada 2022-2024 for Real Estate Law

Professional Involvement

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Ontario Bar Association
- York University Alumni Association