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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): New Brunswick, 2014

Legal Assistant(s): Rita Crowe

Jon's practice bridges the gap between law and industry, assisting clients in commercial matters with a focus on construction disputes. He has assisted clients with matters before the New Brunswick Court of Appeal, Court of Queen's Bench and Provincial Court, as well as the Federal Court of Appeal. Specifically, Jon has:

- Represented Canadian businesses in private arbitrations before the International Chamber of Commerce;
- Represented both owners and contractors in multi-million dollar construction litigation;
- Advised clients navigating P3 infrastructure projects;
- Litigated commercial tenancy disputes;
- Defended and prosecuted product liability claims pertaining to both industrial and consumer products;
- Enforced intellectual property rights, obtaining injunctive and monetary relief;
- Represented clients in maritime law proceedings, including disputes concerning arrested vessels;
- Advanced the interests of executors and beneficiaries in contentious estate litigation; and
- Represented a mutual defence association in a precedent setting case regarding its liability to the public.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing
Cannabis
Construction
Education

Environmental & Natural Resources

Insurance

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Maritime & Transportation

Municipal

Tax

Education & Career

Education

University of New Brunswick, B.Sc., 2010

Osgoode Hall Law School, J.D., 2013

Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development Certificate in Construction Law, 2017

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Member, Canadian Maritime Law Association

Chair, New Brunswick International Sculpture Symposium (2017-present)

Board member, New Brunswick International Sculpture Symposium (2016-present)

Board member, Saint John Theatre Company (2017-2020)

Board member, Saint John Community Arts Board (2017-2019)

Accolades

Osgoode Hall Law School – Ian Scott Public Interest Fellow, 2011

Osgoode Hall Law School – Dean's Gold Key Award, 2013

University of New Brunswick – Currie Undergraduate Scholar, 2006-2010

University of New Brunswick – Sir Howard Douglas Scholar, 2010

Thought Leadership

When Facebook goes faceless: unmasking anonymous online defamation

May 09, 2023

Discovery: Atlantic Education & the Law – Issue 12

April 28, 2023

Client Update: Where there's smoke, there may be coverage: an insurer's obligation to indemnify for medical cannabis

July 14, 2017

Publications

Co-Author, “Cumulative Impact Claims: Not Just Another Delay Claim”, *2022 Journal of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, 2022 J. Can. C. Construction Law. 1*