

## Conor O'Neil, P.Eng.

### Partner

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Bar Admission(s): Ontario, 2013; New  
Brunswick, 2017

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Conor practices in commercial litigation and specializes in the resolution of construction and insurance claims, liens, surety bond claims, product liability issues, and architects', engineers' and other professionals' errors and omissions issues. Conor has acted as counsel before the New Brunswick Court of King's Bench, New Brunswick Court of Appeal, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, arbitration tribunals, and the Energy and Utilities Board of New Brunswick. Examples of his work include:

- Representing general contractors, sureties and owners in dispute resolution including mediation, arbitration and litigation.
- Drafting and negotiating various forms of construction contracts on behalf of owners, developers, design professionals, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers.
- Managing complex litigation involving multiple parties and large volumes of documents.
- Successfully defending an engineer in defence of a \$48 million action over the course of a 54-day trial.
- Obtained the largest costs award in a New Brunswick trial decision.
- Represented a general contractor in respect of a \$12 million lien claim in relation to a sports centre.
- Represented an EPCM project manager in a \$300 million mining dispute.
- Represented a design-builder in respect of claims in relation to a public-private partnership highway dispute.
- Regulatory work relating to electricity utility rates and rate design.

## Practice Areas

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Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Construction  
Energy  
Environmental & Natural Resources  
Infrastructure  
Insurance  
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

## Education & Career

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### Education

University of New Brunswick, JD, 2012  
University of New Brunswick, B.Sc. Eng. (Civil Engineering), 2009

### Activities

Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers  
Member, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick  
Member, Canadian Bar Association  
Member, Ontario Bar Association  
Chair, Canadian Bar Association – New Brunswick branch construction subsection, 2019 – 2023  
Member, Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA), 2023  
National Secretary, CBA Construction & Infrastructure Law, 2023 – present

### Accolades

Best Lawyers: Construction Law, 2025

## Thought Leadership

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New Brunswick introduces prompt payment and adjudication legislation

May 24, 2023

Discovery: Atlantic Education & the Law – Issue 10

June 24, 2022

Owner's holdback trust accounts take effect April 1, 2022

March 17, 2022

A new era: expanded obligations for owners under New Brunswick's *Construction Remedies Act*

December 07, 2021

Discovery: Atlantic Education & the Law – Issue 09

November 22, 2021

Introducing the *Construction Remedies Act*

November 01, 2021

The end of the *Mechanics' Lien Act*

January 13, 2021

## Publications

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Co-author, "Mind the Gap – Professional Liability Insurance and Possible Regulatory Changes to the Standard of Care",  
Construction Law Letter, Volume 33 no. 3, 2017

## Presentations

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Panelist, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick, Annual General Meeting – Panel on  
National Building Code Issues

February 16, 2024

Speaker, Canadian Bar Association, New Brunswick – Construction Remedies Act

November 25, 2022

Speaker, Atlantic Home Warranty, Construction Risks and Remedies

October 25, 2022

Guest lecturer, UNB Law, Construction Law

April 06, 2022

Speaker, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick on changes to the Construction  
Remedies Act

April 23, 2021

Speaker, Canadian Bar Association, New Brunswick – Developments in Construction Law

February 05, 2021

Presenter, Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce, Speaker, Managing the Performance of Contracts in a COVID-19  
Environment

May 13, 2020

Presenter, Construction Bar Association, Speaker, Construction and Infrastructure Law Conference, National Round Up

October 13, 2018



Presenter, Modernizing the Mechanics Lien Act in New Brunswick, 9th annual Real Property Conference

October 03, 2018