

WeirFoulds Boosts its Construction Practice Group with the Addition of Max Shafir, QC and Sandra Astolfo

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WeirFoulds is pleased to announce that Max Shafir, QC and Sandra Astolfo have joined the firm in the Construction Practice Group.

Max and Sandra are each highly experienced lawyers who practice exclusively in construction law. Their deep understanding of construction law means they are always in tune with the needs of their clients, including major construction suppliers, lending institutions, owners, developers, contractors and subcontractors. They specialize and have had success, in breach of trust claims, product liability proceedings in relation to construction projects, receiverships and lien trustees and negotiating and drafting construction contracts, the *Construction Lien Act* and bankruptcy matters.

For his part, Max remarked, "I am delighted to be joining the well-regarded and established construction practice at WeirFoulds. The team has a firm commitment to efficient, creative and exceptional client service and is a tremendous fit for my practice."

Sandra agrees, adding "WeirFoulds has established itself as the premier regional law firm in Ontario and is dedicated to cultivating a culture of commitment to its clients by working closely with them to understand their needs from both a legal and business perspective. I look forward to working with the many lawyers that call this exceptional firm home."

Among many other achievements and recognitions, Max was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1981, and certified by The Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Construction Law. He has been ranked as a leading construction lawyer by *Best Lawyer® in Canada* for ten years and is also consistently recommended in *The Canadian Legal Expert® Directory*. Sandra is also certified by The Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Construction Law. She is currently ranked in both *Best Lawyers® in Canada* and *The Canadian Legal Expert Directory* as one of Canada's leading construction lawyers.

Through her active involvement in a number of professional organizations, Sandra dedicates her time to clients and the community and is continually advocating for the legal profession. She is the past co-chair of the Construction Law Practice Group Executive for The Advocates' Society, as well as a past member of the Ontario Bar Association Construction & Infrastructure Law Section Executive.

Max is a Fellow of The Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, a member of The Advocates' Society, The Lawyers Club, The Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association and the Ontario Bar Association Construction & Infrastructure Law Section. He also regularly presents at client and professional events and has authored several papers on construction issues and litigation.

Max was called to the Ontario Bar in 1967, having completed his LL.B. at Osgoode Law School in 1965.

Sandra was called to the Ontario Bar in 1995, having completed her LL.B. at Queen's University in 1993.

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