

# Sandra Astolfo

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**Practice Areas**

Construction

Infrastructure/P3

Litigation & Dispute

Resolution

Municipal

Sandra Astolfo is a Partner at WeirFoulds with a practice devoted to infrastructure and construction law. She has worked with her clients for almost 30 years and is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education programs and industry conferences.

From negotiating construction agreements, to providing contract administration advice, to litigating, mediating and arbitrating disputes, Sandra advocates on behalf of all project participants. She also assists her clients with protecting their interests in the event of a project participant's insolvency.

Sandra is a Fellow of both the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers and the Construction Lawyers Society of America. Both are associations composed of outstanding lawyers who are distinguished for their skill, experience and high standards of professional and ethical conduct.

She is certified by The Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Construction Law and has authored numerous articles on various construction law topics.

Sandra is the recipient of the Ontario Bar Association's 2019 Construction and Infrastructure Law Award of Excellence and is the first female recipient of the award. She is also repeatedly recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* and the *Canadian Legal Expert Directory* as a leading lawyer in Construction Law.

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#### Called to the Bar

- Ontario (1995)

#### Education

- LL.B., Queen's University, 1993
- B.A. (Hons.), York University, 1990

#### Affiliations

- Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, Fellow
- Construction Lawyers Society of America, Fellow
- Law Society of Ontario - Specialist in Construction Law
- The Advocates' Society
- Ontario Bar Association Construction & Infrastructure Law Section

## Awards

- Recognized in the *Chambers Canada Guide* as a leading lawyer in Construction law, 2024, 2025
- Recipient of the Ontario Bar Association's 2019 Construction and Infrastructure Law Award of Excellence (Sandra is the first female recipient of the award)
- Repeatedly recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* as a leading lawyer in Construction Law
- Repeatedly recognized in *Lexpert's Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada*
- Repeatedly recognized in the *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*
- Repeatedly recognized in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a leading lawyer in Construction Law

## Speaking Engagements

- Co-Chair, Critical Updates for Construction Law and Practice in Ontario, Osgoode Professional Development, Toronto, ON, April 9, 2025
- Co-Chair, "6th Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario", Osgoode Professional Development, February 26, 2025
- Speaker, "Construction Leadership - Insights From Construction Lawyers", CAWIC Annual National Conference 2024, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, September 11, 2024
- Speaker, "Construction Law Developments and Issues", CIQS Congress 2024, Toronto, ON, June 21, 2024
- Co-Chair, "Construction Litigation 2024", The Advocates' Society, Online, May 7, 2024
- Instructor, "Module 3: Bidding, Tendering, Liens and Claims", The Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law, Toronto, ON, February 23, 2024
- Co-Chair, "5th Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario", Osgoode Hall Law School, February 21, 2024
- Co-Chair, "4th Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario", Osgoode Hall Law School, April 11, 2023
- Speaker, "Working With An Expert - What You Need to Know", OBA Civil Litigation Program, Ontario Bar Association, Online, February 14, 2023
- Speaker, "OBA Construction & Infrastructure Law / Young Lawyers Division Program", Ontario

Bar Association, OBA Conference Centre, November 3, 2022

- Co-Chair, "Construction Law Advocacy", The Advocates' Society, November 2, 2022
- Speaker, "Construction 101 & Beyond", Toronto Construction Association, Online, March 17, 2022
- Co Chair, " 3rd Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario, Osgoode Hall Law School, Online, April 1, 2022
- Speaker, "Litigation", Construction Dispute Symposium 2021, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, Online, July 6, 2021
- Speaker, "Construction Dispute Symposium 2021 – RICS", Online, May 25-August 3, 2021
- Co Chair, " Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario, Osgoode Hall Law School, Online, February 22, 2021
- Speaker, "Legal Guide to Managing Contracts & Risk in Design Projects", Osgoode Hall Law School, Online, December 4 and 11, 2020
- Speaker, "P103 – Construction Law Update: Legal Aspects of Construction Projects during Challenging Times", The Buildings Show and BUILDEX Alberta, Online, December 2, 2020
- Speaker, "Practitioners Roundtable: Pandemic Related Claims and Practical Tips to Handle Them", Navigating Construction Delay & Impact Claims in a Pandemic, Webinar, The Advocates' Society, November 12, 2020
- Speaker, Advanced Strategies for Managing the Design Services Contract and Key Risks, Osgoode Contracts and Legal Risk for Design Projects Course, ON, December 11, 2020
- Speaker, Construction Law Primer, Professional Development - Ontario Bar Association, ON, November 26, 2020
- Speaker, The Advocates Society Construction Law Practice Group, ON, November 12, 2020
- Co-Chair, Construction Litigation: Arbitration and Adjudication Advocacy, The Advocates Society, ON, May 1, 2020
- Co-Chair, Construction Liens Under Ontario's New Construction Act: Strategies for Navigating the New Regime, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University ON, February 20, 2020
- Speaker, "Discovery Techniques", Divine Discoveries: Building a Great Case, Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, ON, March 6, 2020
- Speaker, 2019 Construction Adjudication Symposium Significant Change - Time for Alignment, RICS and CIArb, Toronto, ON, May 29, 2019
- Co-Chair, "Construction Law: Arbitration and Adjudication Advocacy", The Advocates' Society, Toronto, ON, April 30, 2019
- Moderator, "Top Construction Cases: How Have Courts Balanced the Right to Litigate with Contract Provisions Directing the Parties to Arbitration?", "Negotiating Effective Arbitration Agreements", and "Tips from the Arbitrators on Effective Advocacy at Arbitration", Construction Law: Lien and Arbitration Advocacy, The Advocates' Society, Toronto, ON, April 21, 2019
- Speaker, "Rights and Remedies of the Municipality when the Contractor Defaults", Current Issues in Municipal Infrastructure Projects, Municipal Infrastructure Forum, Kleinburg, ON, April 15, 2019
- Speaker, "Construction Law Update: The Latest Cases Affecting Your Projects", The Buildings Show, Toronto, ON, November 28, 2018
- Speaker, "The Construction Act - Adjudication", Construction Act 2017 Commercial Acumen Workshop, Adjudico Inc., November 8, 2018
- Speaker, "Construction Bonding and Insurance: A Primer on Construction Risk Management", OBA/CBA, October 1, 2018

- Speaker, "Bill 142, Construction Lien Amendment Act", Sealant and Waterproofing Association, Richmond Hill, ON, May 3, 2018
- Program Chair, "Construction Law: Arbitration and Adjudication Advocacy" The Advocates' Society, Toronto, ON, April 27, 2018
- Speaker, "Key Update on the New Construction Act", The Canadian Bar Association, Toronto, ON, April 19, 2018
- Co-Chair, "Construction Law: Arbitration and Adjudication Advocacy", The Advocates' Society, Toronto, ON, April 17, 2018
- Speaker, "Bill 142, *The Construction Lien Act Amendment Act, 2017 - Adjudication*", Barrie Construction Association, Toronto, ON, March 29, 2018
- Speaker, "Bill 142, Construction Lien Amendment Act, 2017 - Adjudication", Ontario General Contractors Association, Toronto, February 28, 2018
- Speaker, "Pay-When-Paid / Pay-If-Paid Issues" Construction & Infrastructure Litigation 201: Advanced Issues for Handling Construction Claims, Ontario Bar Association's Institute, Toronto, ON, February 6, 2018
- Speaker, "The New Construction Act (Bill 142) Forum", WeirFoulds LLP and the Construction Corporate Counsel Forum, Toronto, ON, November 9, 2017
- Moderator, Roundtable Discussions, Women in Litigation Symposium – Unstoppable Confidence: Making Your Mark as a Litigator, The Advocates' Society, Toronto, October 27, 2017
- Speaker, "The 'How' of Prompt Payment", The Authoritative View of the *Construction Lien Amendment Act, Bill 142*, Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, October 3, 2017
- Speaker, "Construction Lien Act Reform Review Round Table Discussion", Grand Valley Construction Association, Toronto, ON, November 8, 2016
- Speaker, "Trust Rights and Lien Rights - Two Independent Remedies: The Importance of the Supreme Court of Canada decision in *Stuart Olson Dominion Construction v. Structal*", Practice Gems: Construction Lien Essentials 2016, The Law Society of Upper Canada, March 2016
- Moderator, "Tarion 101: The Basics, and Beyond", The Advocates' Society, February 2016
- Speaker, "Ethical and Professional Issues In Litigating Real Estate Disputes", The Litigator's Guide to Real Estate, Construction and Leasing Disputes, Osgoode Hall Law School, February 2016
- Co-Chair, "When Construction Liens and Real Estate Collide: How Liens Can Ruin a Landlord's or Receiver's Day and Other Title Nuisances", Ontario Bar Association, November, 2015
- Moderator, " Reversing the Priorities, Again When Bankruptcy and Construction Collide: Round 2", The Advocates' Society, October 2015
- Speaker, "Under the "Honesty" Microscope: A New Approach to Reading Construction Claims", Construction Law Best Practice, May 2015

## Publications

- [Getting Back on Track: Mid-Project Mediation in the Construction Industry](#), January 16, 2024
- [Using change directives to delay compensation and adjustments to the project schedule](#), December 22, 2017