

Dentons partner Blair McCreadie wins prestigious *Lexpert* “Rising Star” award

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Toronto —Dentons Canada LLP is pleased to announce that Blair McCreadie has been named a winner of *Lexpert*'s 2014 "Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40" award for his expertise in employment and human rights law and management-side labour relations, coupled with his exemplary volunteer leadership in the community.

“We congratulate Blair on this outstanding achievement,” said Mike Kaplan, Managing Partner of Dentons' Toronto office. “This tribute is a direct reflection of Blair's ongoing dedication to client service, legal excellence and community activism, and we are proud to have top talent like him on our team.”

In addition to his robust law practice, Blair has made extensive and significant contributions to Firm administration and management, as well as to the community-at-large. At Dentons, Blair is the Manager of the Toronto Employment, Labour and Pensions Group and is also a member of both the Toronto Management Committee and the Ontario Nominating Committee to recommend partners for internal Firm leadership roles. Within the broader legal community, Blair is currently appointed to both the federal Minister of Labour's Advisory Council on Workplace and Labour Affairs and the Ontario Bar Association's Public Affairs Committee.

Recognized in *Best Lawyers in Canada* 2014 and 2015 as one of Canada's leading lawyers in the areas of Employment and Labour (Toronto), Blair is widely acknowledged as one of Dentons Canada's future leaders and is most deserving of this prestigious national award.

Dentons partners Yan Besner (Montreal) and Sarat Maharaj (Edmonton) were also recognized by *Lexpert* as Rising Stars finalists. Yan is a partner in our Montreal office and practises real estate, banking and commercial law. He was recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada 2015* as one of Canada's leading lawyers in the area of Real Estate Law. Sarat is a partner in our Edmonton office in the Corporate Group, and recently taught Corporate Securities Law at the University of Alberta. Sarat also has his Chartered Accountant designation.

Lexpert's “Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40” awards are highly competitive, bestowed to lawyers who are recognized leaders in their field and achievement-driven team players with superior interpersonal skills, a strong business acumen, and a responsive attitude to change. The award's advisory board was comprised of Canada's leading legal professionals tasked with selecting the top 40 winners. The winners and finalists will be featured in the November/December 2014 issue of *Lexpert*, the business magazine for lawyers.

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