



CPD Bootcamp

Adding value to your role as in-house counsel: Working together to deliver value to our mutual clients

Presenters Bios

November 2, 2017



Chris (Christopher) E. Pinnington
Dentons Canada Chair

As Dentons' Canada Chair, Chris is firmly focused on supporting Dentons colleagues across Canada and around the world in anticipating, understanding and exceeding our clients' expectations of value, service, innovation, collaboration and efficiency in today's increasingly demanding, complex and rapidly evolving business and legal environment.

Chris plays a key role in fostering client relationships and representing Dentons with other strategic partners, aligning and implementing our "in and of the community" approach in all Canadian markets, and wherever clients do - or want to do - business across the globe.

He is committed to working with Dentons' Canada and global leadership to ensure that Dentons continues to be a workplace of choice for our leading talent in Canada and a leader in the legal community with respect to diversity and inclusion and corporate social responsibility. In 2012, Chris was named a Canadian Diversity Champion, and Dentons was recognized with a Canadian National Pro Bono Law Firm Award and as one of the Best Employers for New Canadians. Under Chris's leadership, Dentons was recognized as one of Canada's Top Employers for Young People (2012, 2016), and as one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers (2011-2016).

Chris served as Dentons' Canada Region Chief Executive Officer from 2009 to July 2017 and led the Firm through the bold and transformative strategy to become a founding member of Dentons. Prior to assuming his role as the Firm's Canada CEO, Chris served as Managing Partner of Dentons' Toronto office for six years, following his return to the Firm from four years as general counsel and a senior officer of a leading Canadian and international developer, owner and manager of regional shopping centres. An accomplished and highly respected commercial real estate lawyer, Chris's practice has focused on the purchase and sale, development, financing and joint-venturing of commercial properties and portfolios, and commercial leasing in the retail, office and industrial markets.



David Allgood
Counsel, Dentons

David Allgood joined Dentons in 2015 as Senior Counsel and has been working closely with our clients and internal teams across Canada and around the world. David plays a key role in strengthening our client relationships by enhancing our approach to legal service delivery through his insights and experience in leading the drive for change in the profession together with his experienced client perspective.

Prior to joining Dentons, David was Executive Vice President and General Counsel at RBC, a position he held from 2000 until April of 2015. In his dual role as senior legal and business advisor, David's responsibilities included providing strategic advice and counsel to RBC Executive Management and its Board of Directors on legal and reputational issues, and management of the General Counsel Group comprising 190 lawyers and professionals located in 15 countries. He was also a member of RBC's Ethics and Compliance and Reputational Risk Oversight Committees.

David has earned an outstanding reputation in the Canadian and global legal and business community for his expertise, integrity and innovative thought leadership. His contributions to the area of business law have been recognized through the establishment of The David Allgood Professorship in Business Law at Queen's Law School, and David was awarded the Canadian General Counsel Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. David served on the Board of the Association of Corporate Counsel from 2006-2015 and was the first Canadian Board Chair (October 2013-October 2014) in the organization's more than 30-year history.

**Shelley Babin**

Vice President, Law & General Counsel, Ontario Power Generation

Shelley Babin is Vice President, Law & General Counsel of Ontario Power Generation Inc. As a Senior Leadership Team member, she provides strategic legal advice to OPG's management and Board of Directors on all aspects of the company's business. She also directs OPG's legal team, which supports the company in corporate governance, financing, procurement, real estate, pension, regulatory, Indigenous relations and other matters.

Shelley is an Accelerate Leader and a Mentoring Plus+ mentor for the development of high potential employees, including those of visible minorities, and she is an advocate for diversity and inclusion initiatives at OPG.

Shelley joined OPG in 2015 from a large national law firm, where she had a commercial litigation practice.



Mathieu Bergeron

Senior Counsel, Commercial Affairs, CN

Mathieu Bergeron joined CN's law department in June of 2008, to handle commercial transactions, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions. Mathieu is also responsible for CN-related intellectual property matters and portfolios, and has oversight responsibilities over various commercial disputes involving CN.

Prior to working with CN, Mathieu worked for Alcan Inc. (now Rio Tinto Alcan Inc.) in a variety of legal functions in Montreal (Québec), Jamaica, Cleveland (Ohio), Chicago (Illinois) and Vancouver (BC).

**Richard Stewart**

Deputy General Counsel, Chief Operating Office, BMO Financial Group

Richard Stewart is Deputy General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer, Legal, Corporate & Compliance Group at BMO Financial Group.

Richard is responsible for LCCG's overall operations, providing oversight for finance, human resources and strategic initiatives. He is also responsible for BMO's Legal Excellence Program. Richard was most recently Associate General Counsel, UK & Europe, BMO Capital Markets.

Richard was featured as a "Rising Star" in Legal 500's GC Powerlist, March 2017 and was profiled in September 2016 edition of the UK's Lawyer magazine. He has also been shortlisted for Legal Counsel of the Year at the British Legal Awards.

Prior to joining the bank in 2013, Richard was Associate Director at Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP, and before that, Associate Solicitor at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP.

**Karen Werger**

Managing Partner, Toronto Financial Advisory, Deloitte

Karen is the Managing Partner for the Toronto Financial Advisory practice and the National Leader of the Professional and Business Services industry practice at Deloitte. She also sits on Deloitte's Partner Advisory Council, advising the Managing Partner and Chief Executive on key business choices facing the firm. Karen is skilled at motivating teams and meeting objectives. She has more than 15 years of experience working with in-house legal and external counsel, compliance personnel and key stakeholders globally on matters involving financial, reputational and/or regulatory risk.

Karen co-founded Deloitte's Canadian Women's Initiative Network in 2006 and has been instrumental in establishing initiatives to accelerate the progress of female leadership. In 2015, she received the Lynda Bowles Spirit Award for her efforts helping women achieve their leadership potential. Karen is an active volunteer and a top fundraiser for philanthropic initiatives including Cystic Fibrosis Canada, the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation and the Jewish National Fund. She is a Board Member for the Baycrest Foundation.

In 2016, Karen was named one of the 100 most powerful women in Canada by the Women's Executive Network.

Karen holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Schulich School of Business and is a Chartered Business Valuator, a Chartered Professional Accountant and a Chartered Accountant.

