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Overview

Paul Ryzuk is a partner in Dentons' **Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Infrastructure and PPP** and **Construction** groups. Paul has a unique professional background with over 20 years of combined legal and technical experience, which equips him to understand and provide tailored advice to clients about complex construction matters with large document productions, both in arbitration and conventional court proceedings. His practice spans across multiple jurisdictions in Canada and involves both public and private sectors.

In addition to providing strategic advice through tendering, procurement and construction, Paul possesses a wealth of experience guiding owners, developers and contractors through a variety of disputes, including delay claims, breach of contract, negligence, faulty design work, differing site conditions, professional liability, warranty claims and builders' liens.

Prior to pursuing a career in law, Paul worked as a geotechnical engineer in British Columbia, contributing to a number of commercial and infrastructure projects.

Experience

- **Confidential client:** Advising as lead counsel in a defense of an ongoing conventional claim against a general contractor for an industrial explosion exceeding CA\$250 million in damages. The matter is highly technical, involving complex interlocutory applications, issues of schedule and production impacts, liability and quantum.
- **Confidential client:** Advising in a successful six-week arbitration against a municipal owner for productivity impacts and site extension costs resulting from unanticipated site conditions and inadequate infrastructure project design. The matter involved highly technical issues of design, construction, and notice.
- **Confidential client:** Advising in risk management claims avoidance involving a greenfield multi-story residential development and a 12-month critical path delay resulting from lack of adherence to design specifications.
- **Confidential client:** Advising on a contractual risk and risk management in relation to a CA\$25 million

not-for-profit greenfield development involving an inexperienced owner and a sophisticated, potentially litigious general contractor.

- **Confidential client:** Advising in the defense of a CA\$30 million claim against an engineering company concerning allegations of a failed engineered embankment.
- **Confidential client:** Advising in the CA\$125 million defense of an engineering company and individual engineer against theft allegations and the use of proprietary engineering design.

Recognition

- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:*Construction Law
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* – Construction Law, 2019 - 2024
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* – Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2021 - 2024

Activities and Affiliations

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Law Society of the Northwest Territories
- Professional Member, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA)
- Member, APEGA Honours and Awards Committee
- Trustee, Strathcona County Library Board
- Member, Canadian Society for Civil Engineering
- Former Executive Member, Construction Law Section, Canadian Bar Association

Designations

- Professional Engineering Designation (P.Eng.)
- Fellow, Engineers Canada (FEC)

Areas of focus

Practices

- **Litigation and Dispute Resolution**

Industry sectors

- **Construction**
- **Infrastructure and PPP**

Education

- University of Alberta, 2006, LL.B.
- University of Alberta, 2003, M. Eng. (geotechnical)

- University of Alberta, 2002, B.Sc. (civil engineering, with distinction)

Admissions and qualifications

- Alberta, 2007
- Northwest Territories, 2023

Languages

- English