

# Lea Nebel

## Partner

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CALLED TO THE BAR OF ONTARIO,  
2002

## EDUCATION

- LL.B., Queen's University, 2000
- B.A., (Honours) Political Studies, Queen's University, 1997

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Fraud Investigation Recovery and Enforcement

Lea Nebel is a partner in the firm's Commercial Litigation group and Co-Chair of the firm's Construction Law group.

Lea represents a wide variety of clients in the construction industry, including owners, general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, design and engineering professionals, and sureties.

Her construction litigation related experience includes contract claims and disputes, construction liens, trust claims, lien priority disputes, surety bond claims, professional negligence, and bankruptcy. She also assists clients with drafting and negotiating construction agreements. Lea has represented clients on various projects including, residential; retail; transit expansion, airports; hospitality and gaming; athletic facilities; retirement homes; and recycling facilities.

Lea has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario and is a skilled litigator and trusted advocate. She is recognized by *Best Lawyers® in Canada* for her skill in Construction Law and the *Lexpert® Canadian Legal Directory* as a repeatedly recommended lawyer in Construction Law.

Lea is also experienced in partnership, shareholder and real estate disputes, mortgage enforcement, and defending clients against

charges under the *Ontario Provincial Offences Act*.

## EXPERIENCE

- Advanced and defended lien claims, delay claims, construction contract disputes, performance bond disputes and material payment bond disputes.
- Resolved claims by Tarion against a Builder and Vendor concerning deficiencies in the common elements of a condominium project.
- Represented Sureties in prosecuting construction bond indemnity claims against Principals and Guarantors
- Represented a not-for-profit registered charitable organization in negotiating/drafting a construction management agreement for the construction of a new senior centre.
- Represented the largest manufacturer of fabricated pools worldwide in negotiating/drafting a contract for the construction of a new production facility in Canada.
- Construction counsel to a Canadian company on its purchase of a plumbing, mechanical and electrical contractor.
- Successfully defended one of Canada's largest real estate investment trusts charged with violations of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*

## RECOGNITION

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers® in Canada* 2026 in the area of Construction Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers® in Canada* 2025 in the area of Construction Law
- Ranked in *Lexpert® Canada's Leading Lawyers*, Special Edition: Infrastructure 2024
- Rated by *Lexpert® Canadian Legal Directory* 2025 as a Leading Practitioner (Repeatedly Recommended) in Construction Law
- Awarded Sean P. McKenna Young Construction Executive Leadership Award, Toronto Construction Association (2007)

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Ontario
- Toronto Construction Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Past Chair, Construction & Infrastructure Section, Ontario Bar Association (OBA)
- Advocates' Society
- Canadian Association of Women in Construction (CAWIC)

## RELATED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- [April 01, 2022](#)  
Speaker, 3rd Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario
- [March 24, 2021](#)  
Speaker, Survival and Revival: How the construction industry is embracing change to overcome recent challenges
- [February 22, 2021](#)  
Speaker, 2nd Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario

#### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- [July 19, 2024](#)  
Author, Divisional Court Reviews Construction Adjudicator's Determination on Jurisdiction
- [December 21, 2022](#)  
Co-Author, Construction Liens and Adjudication Orders: the Court weighs in on having to "Pay Twice"

#### IN THE MEDIA

- [March 06, 2023](#)  
Blaneys' Construction Law Partner, Lea Nebel, was quoted in Canadian Occupational Safety on workers rights to refuse unsafe work
- [January 16, 2023](#)  
Blaneys' Construction Law Partner, Lea Nebel, was quoted in Canadian Occupational Safety
- [January 13, 2023](#)  
Blaneys' Construction Law Partner, Lea Nebel, was a guest speaker on The Agenda with Steve Paikin on a segment entitled, "How Safe Are Ontario's Construction Sites?"