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Andrew McFarlane practises financial services and corporate / commercial law, with a focus on infrastructure and project financing; aircraft and equipment financing; and asset-based, syndicated and secured lending.

Andrew is recognized nationally and internationally as a leading lawyer in the area of aviation finance. He has acted for a wide range of aviation clients, including aircraft lessors, operators, financial institutions, corporate aircraft owners and investors. Andrew's experience extends to structuring a broad spectrum of domestic and cross-border aircraft leases, conditional sales, secured loans, purchases and sales and ownership structures. In addition, Andrew has significant experience in work-outs, debtor-in-possession loans, bankruptcies, CCAA restructurings and CBCA arrangements and has acted for bankruptcy trustees and lenders in connection with the major Canadian airline insolvencies and restructurings of the past fifteen years.

Andrew also has in-depth experience in the area of public-private partnership (P3) transactions, having acted for lenders, equity sponsors and design-build contractors in a range of sectors including social infrastructure, transportation and electrical transmission. He has also helped clients with structuring the financing of renewable energy projects, including the financing of solar, wind, hydro and biogas power generation projects.

Andrew is a member of the American Bar Association's Aircraft Financing Subcommittee and the National Air and Space Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association. He also sits on the Ontario Bar Association's Personal Property Security Law Committee and is a member of the Toronto Opinion Group (TOROG). Andrew recently presented a case-study on the application of the Aircraft Sector Understanding in Export Credit Agency financings to the Inaugural International Bar Association Air Finance Opportunities Conference held in Montréal in June 2014. He has also given recent presentations on the implementation of the Cape Town Convention in Canada and the mechanics of aircraft leasing.

- Aviation
- Construction Law
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Public Private Partnerships and PFI
- Renewables
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Corporate
- Capital Markets

- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources

English

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

Admissions

- Ontario, 1999

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Equipment Finance Law), 2006-2013 (Aviation Law), 2018-2022
- Listed as Acritas Star™ Lawyer, 2018-2020
- *Lexology Client Choice Award*, Aviation (Ontario), 2018
- *Chambers Canada* (Transportation: Aviation), 2018-2022
- *Chambers Global* (Transportation), 2017
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Asset Equipment Finance/Leasing), 2014–2021 (Aviation: Regulation & Liability), 2017–2021 (Banking & Financial Institutions), 2017–2021 (Project Finance), 2021
- *Who's Who Legal: Aviation* (Aviation Finance), 2018
- *The Legal 500 Canada* (Infrastructure and Projects), 2016 (Transport: Aviation), 2017-2022
- *Who's Who Legal: Transport* (Aviation Finance), 2017, 2020-2021
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Aviation), 2014–2019
- *Martindale-Hubbell®* Peer Review Rating of "AV Preeminent"
- *Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers*, 2017
- *Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Finance Lawyers*, 2014
- *Chambers Global* (Banking and Finance Law), 2012
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Infrastructure), 2012

Education

- J.D., University of Toronto, 1997
- M.A., University of Toronto, 1995
- B.A., University of Toronto (Trinity College), 1993

Memberships

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Trinity College Board of Trustees
- Past President, Trinity College Alumni Association

INSIGHTS

Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, The Intensive Short Course in Secured Lending and Debt Finance, Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, Oct 10-11, 2018

NEWS

DLA Piper Canada recommended by *Legal 500 Canada 2022*

12 November 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and its lawyers have been recommended in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

DLA Piper Canada recommended in 2022 edition of *Chambers Canada*

10 September 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and its lawyers have been recognized across 15 practice areas in the 2022 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide

26 August 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is thrilled to see 84 of our lawyers across 35 practice areas recognized in the 2022 Best Lawyers in Canada guide.

DLA Piper Canada acted for lenders in \$757.1 million Scarborough Subway Extension Advance Tunnel project

31 May 2021

On May 25, 2021, Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and Metrolinx awarded a fixed-price contract of \$757.1 million to Strabag Inc. to design, build and finance the tunnel for the Scarborough Subway Extension project. DLA Piper Canada is acting for the lenders to the bidding consortium in relation to the project.

DLA Piper Canada has strong showing in 2021 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

22 April 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP has increased their rankings in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory for the third consecutive year.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized in the 2021 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*

13 November 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and its lawyers have been recognized as industry leaders across multiple practice areas in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada 2021*

10 September 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 25 of our lawyers recognized across 16 practice areas in the 2021 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for DIF Capital Partners in 900 MW Canadian power project investment

31 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on behalf of DIF Capital Partners in connection with its investment in the 900-megawatt Cascade Power Project. DIF will invest in the construction of Cascade together with joint equity sponsors OPTrust and Axiom Infrastructure.

DLA Piper Canada increases rankings in 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 79 of our lawyers across 35 practice areas recognized in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide, resulting in our best showing with the guide since its inception.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP increases rankings in the 2020 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

24 APR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that we have significantly increased the number of lawyers ranked as leading practitioners in the 2020 edition of the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.
