

# Gerry Argento

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## Industries & Expertise

**INDUSTRIES**

Projects | Construction Contracts and Procurement | Construction and Infrastructure

**EXPERTISE**

Arbitration & Mediation | Construction Litigation

## Biography

**BAR ADMISSION**

Quebec, 2014

**EDUCATION**

- LL.M., Université de Montréal, 2013
- Juris Doctor in Common Law, Université de Montréal, 2011
- LL.B., Université de Montréal, 2011
- B.A., Political Science, Université de Montréal, 2008

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN**

English, French, Italian

Gerry Argento is a construction law specialist known for his expertise in litigation and contract law. With practical experience gained in a family of general contractors, Gerry offers informed guidance on the challenges of major construction projects. He advises various industry players, represents them in court, and helps them navigate a wide range of construction-related issues, bringing both practical and legal insights. Over the years, Gerry has also developed expertise in e-discovery and complex litigation management.

Gerry frequently publishes articles and participates in conferences on construction industry topics. He also serves on the boards of various construction-related organizations and charitable initiatives.

Gerry holds an LL.M. and a J.D. in common law from the Université de Montréal. A member of the Quebec Bar and the Montreal Young Bar Association, he has been recognized in the Lexpert Construction Law Directory (2021-2024), as well as special editions on energy and mining (2024) and infrastructure (2024). He is also listed in Best Lawyers in Construction Law (2025), affirming his influence in the field.

## Industry involvement

### Recognition

- Best Lawyers in Canada, Construction Law, 2025
- Lexpert Special Edition on Energy and Mining, 2024
- Lexpert Special Edition on Infrastructure, 2024
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* : Repeatedly Recommended in Construction Law, 2021-2024

### Thought leadership

- "COVID-19 and standard CCDC/CCA clauses", *Canadian Consulting Engineer Magazine*, April 1st, 2020
- *La portée des clauses d'exonération dans les contrats de construction : développements récents*, Miller Thomson annual Construction Law seminar, March 11, 2020, presented jointly with Stephan H. Trihey
- "La portée des clauses d'exonération dans les contrats de construction : développements récents", *Miller Thomson 2020 Construction Law Textbook*, article written in collaboration with Stephan H. Trihey, March 2020
- "Développements récents du devoir d'information en droit de la construction : portée et limites", *Miller Thomson 2019 Construction Law seminar Textbook*, article written with Stephan H. Trihey, March 2019
- "Preuve de compétence et d'expérience – une condition d'admissibilité majeure?", *Journal L'Entrepreneur Général*, Corporation des Entrepreneurs Généraux du Québec, article written with Yannick Forget, April 2018
- *Développements récents en responsabilité des professionnels de la construction*, Miller Thomson annual Construction Law seminar, March 20, 2018, presented jointly with Stephan Trihey

- "Appel d'offres : un prix forfaitaire trop bas peut constituer une irrégularité majeure", *Journal Constructo*, November 2017
- "Irrégularités mineures et l'égalité entre les soumissionnaires", *Journal Constructo*, June 2017
- *Revue de la jurisprudence récente - Le devoir d'information*, Miller Thomson annual Construction Law seminar, April 27, 2017
- "L'entrepreneur aurait dû le savoir : retour sur l'obligation de renseignement du donneur d'ouvrage", *Journal Constructo*, March 2017
- "Le contrat à forfait : l'importance de bien évaluer l'étendue des travaux », *Journal Constructo*, February 2017
- "La discrétion des municipalités dans l'analyse des soumissions", *Journal Constructo*, September 2016
- "La discrétion dans l'analyse des soumissions", *Journal Constructo*, June 2016
- *Revue de la jurisprudence récente - Appel d'offres*, Miller Thomson annual Construction Law seminar, April 2016
- *Revue de la jurisprudence récente - Appel d'offres*, De Grandpré Chait Construction Law Conference, March 2015

## **Notable matters**

Gerry's experience includes advising the following clients:

- A major general contractor in relation to a dispute against a federal government agency subject to arbitration under the *Commercial Arbitration Act* in respect of a claim for additional works resulting from unforeseen conditions. The amounts in dispute total approximately \$1 million.
- A general contractor in relation to a dispute against a provincial government agency relating to tendering process compliance. The amounts in dispute total approximately \$1,5 million.
- A multinational steel and mining company in an International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration relating to the performance of equipment procured at an iron ore facility in Northern Quebec.
- A multinational steel and mining company in respect of claims relating notably to cost and schedule overruns for the expansion of an iron ore facility in Northern Quebec, under an Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management ("EPCM") contract. The amounts in dispute total approximately \$750 million.
- A multinational general contractor in relation to licensing requirements (RBQ) and contract review regarding an important light rail transit (LRT) project in Montréal.
- A consortia of architects and engineers in respect of a contractual dispute with a provincial government agency regarding an important hospital modernization project in Montréal. The amounts in dispute total approximately \$120 million.
- A Limited Partnership in relation to latent defects affecting the property contributed to the Partnership by its special partner. The amounts in dispute totaled approximately \$8,1 million.

- A private real estate developer in respect of injunction proceedings regarding an ongoing construction project.

### **Community roles**

- Academos, Mentor

### **Corporate directorships**

- Secretary, Board of Directors, *La Garantie habitation des maîtres bâtisseurs (GHMB)*, since 2019

### **Memberships & affiliations**

- Quebec Bar
- Young Bar of Montréal