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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Transactions & Leasing | Real Estate

EXPERTISE

Municipal, Planning & Land Development |
Transactions & Leasing | Corporate Law | Real
Estate

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1983

EDUCATION

- Mediation Courses, I and II, University of Waterloo, 1997
- Arbitration Course, Part II, Arbitration and Mediation Institute of Ontario Dispute Resolution Centre, 1996
- LL.B., University of Windsor, 1981
- Graduate Studies, Regional Planning and Resource Development, University of Guelph, 1975-1977
- B.E.S., (Hons), University of Waterloo, 1975

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Bill Dahms has practiced in commercial real estate and land development, having guided clients through property purchases, sales, financings, commercial leases and licenses, and land development projects. Recognized by the Law Society of Ontario as a certified Real Estate Law Specialist, Bill brings extensive knowledge and dedication to his practice. He has worked closely with leading financial institutions and businesses on various real estate transactions, offering invaluable legal insights and representation. Bill has also acted for numerous land developers in all aspects of commercial and residential land development and redevelopment, including condominiums.

Bill's extensive publications and presentations demonstrate his thought leadership and dedication to sharing knowledge within the legal realm. Outside the office, he is also deeply involved in his local community, having served on the Conestoga College Board of Governors, several local municipal action projects, two municipal Committees of Adjustment, as well as the boards of the Waterloo Region Home Builders' Association, the Interfaith Pastoral Counselling Centre, Junior Achievement and other local boards.

Bill is an active member of several prominent legal and professional associations, fostering strong networks within the legal community. Through his memberships in professional and community organizations, Bill stays connected and informed about the latest legal developments and industry trends.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Property Leasing, 2019-2021; Property Development, 2019, 2021-2022
- Certified Specialist (Real Estate Law)

Thought leadership

- "Increased Access to Surplus Property Available for Health and Community Hubs in Ontario", *Miller Thomson's Health Communiqué*, October 5, 2016
- "Rentable and Useable Areas," *Leasing Times*, April 4, 2011
- "Land Transfer Tax and Long Term Leases," *Leasing Times*, May 3, 2010
- "Consents Under the Planning Act," paper presented at the Ontario Association of Committee of Adjustment and Consent Authorities Conference at the Waterloo Inn, May 31-June 3, 2009
- "Offers to Purchase – How to Protect the Purchaser," presentation forming part of the Assessing a Brownfield's Development Potential seminar held at the Region of Waterloo Reurbanization Conference, June 22, 2005
- "E-Reg Again—Fixing the Notice of Lease," paper and presentation at the Law Society of Upper Canada Six-Minute Commercial Leasing Lawyer 2005 seminar, February 16, 2005

Community roles

- Chair and Member, City of Waterloo Committee of Adjustment
- Past Member and Chair, City of Waterloo Ethics in Municipal Life Committee
- Past Chair, Waterloo Region Business Achievement Awards Dinner
- Past Director and President, Junior Achievement of the Waterloo Region
- Past Director and Secretary, Interfaith Pastoral Counselling Centre
- Past Director, Waterloo Region Home Builders' Association
- Past Board Governor and Chair, Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning
- Past Member, City of Kitchener Committee of Adjustment
- Past Member, City of Kitchener Property Standards Committee
- Past Member, City of Kitchener Downtown Action Committee
- Past Member, City of Kitchener Rotary Club

Memberships & affiliations

- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Canadian and Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Waterloo Law Association
- Member, Communitech
- Member, Greater KW Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Waterloo Region Home Builders' Association