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Education

Ave Maria School of Law, Ann Arbor, Michigan J.D. (magna cum laude)
University of Toronto B.A. (with distinction)

Called to the Bar in Ontario, 2012; New York, 2009

About

Michael Connell's practice focuses on providing strategic advice and counsel on all aspects of commercial real estate transactions including leasing and land development.

Michael is licensed to practice law in Ontario and New York. Prior to joining Siskinds, Michael worked in a full service Toronto firm in the area of land use planning and environmental law. Before practicing law in Ontario, Michael was Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs at a public affairs and policy firm, where he advised energy and natural resource sector clients on the full suite of federal environmental legislation and regulation. He completed his articles with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General.

Memberships and Associations

- Ontario Bar Association, Planning and Municipal Law Section, Executive
- Canadian Bar Association, Member
- Middlesex Law Association, Member
- Christian Legal Fellowship, Member

Publications and Speaking

Articles

- Michael Connell, "Protective and Preventative Purpose of Ontario's Environmental Protection Act Justifies Warrantless Inspection Powers." Canadian Environmental Regulations & Compliance, vol. 30, no. 1, 2019, p. 547.
- Michael Connell, "Deterrence Justifies Minimum Fines in Environmental Offences." Environment Policy & Law, vol. 29, no. 10, p. 909.



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Speaking / Academic

- Speaker, “Board Authorities to Address Anti-social Behaviour of Condominium Owners”, Canadian Condominium Institute - London and Area Chapter, May 18, 2021.
- Co-Chair, “Rural Issues - Professional Development”, Ontario Bar Association, Brampton, ON, November 6, 2019.
- Speaker, “The Law of Restrictive Covenants”, Semi-Annual Real Estate Luncheon, London, ON, September 25, 2019.
- Speaker, “Legal and Regulatory Issues Facing Building Owners and Property Managers”, SpringFest, Toronto, ON, April 5, 2018
- Instructor, “Law and Construction Contracts”, George Brown College, School of Construction Management and Trades/School of Architectural Studies, 2017-2018
- Instructor, “Environmental and Planning Law”, University of Guelph, School of Planning and Development, 2013-2016
- Instructor, “Environmental Regulations and Legal Issues”, University of Waterloo, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, 2014-2016