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PROFILE

Michael Connell's practice focuses on providing strategic advice and counsel to landowners, municipalities, developers and other related stakeholders regarding issues of land development, environmental regulation, and resource management. Michael regularly represents his clients before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board) and the Environmental Review Tribunal.

Michael's practice also includes a full range of services related to environmental contamination, including civil litigation, risk mitigation, regulatory compliance and assistance with permits and contracts for clients across several industries.

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.

PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental & Regulatory Matters
Contaminated Properties
Land Use Lawyers
Municipal Lawyers

EDUCATION

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

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING

“Bill 139, Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017”, WeirFoulds LLP , June 2017
(with Lia Boritz)

Speaker, “Legal and Regulatory Issues Facing Building Owners and Property Managers”, SpringFest,
Toronto, ON, April 5, 2018

Academic

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

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Executive, Ontario Bar Association, Planning and Municipal Law Section
Regional Liaison Committee, Waterloo Region Home Builders’ Association

MEMBERSHIPS/ASSOCIATIONS

Ontario Bar Association
Canadian Bar Association
Waterloo Region Home Builders’ Association
Middlesex Law Association