

Welcome to Toronto

"As the International Bar Association Annual Conference convenes in Toronto, we extend a warm welcome to all of our clients, colleagues and peers who are joining us for this prestigious event. Toronto is a global hub of culture, innovation and diversity, and we are honoured to welcome you to our incredible home for this conference.

Whether you are visiting for the first time or have been here before, we hope you take the opportunity to explore all that Toronto has to offer. It is a city we are proud to call home, and we trust you will enjoy visiting it as much as we do living and working here.

As we come together to share insights, forge connections and celebrate the legal profession, we look forward to meeting with you, exchanging ideas, and strengthening the bonds of our global legal community.

Welcome to Toronto—we're delighted to have you here."

— WeirFoulds LLP



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Conference Details

IBA Toronto 2025 November 2 - 7, 2025 Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)

The IBA Toronto 2025 Conference will be hosted at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC), which is located in the heart of Toronto. Having hosted more than 22,000 events, the MTCC is globally acclaimed.

Conference Program

Airport & Transport



Toronto Pearson International Airport

While Toronto has two major airports, Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ), most international flights land at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

There are several options to get downtown from Toronto Pearson, including:

- Taxi (be sure to only use drivers in the taxi queue)
- Uber/Lyft/Hopp
- Union Pearson Express (this will take you directly from Toronto Pearson International Airport to Union Station)

Public Transit

Public transit is readily accessible to take you where you need to go throughout Toronto via the TTC, and the Greater Toronto Area via GO Transit.

You can buy a day-pass or weekend-pass via PRESTO, or tap on and off the transit using your debit or credit card.

TTC Routes & Schedule

GO Transit Routes & Schedule



Where to Stay

1) Fairmont Royal York

100 Front Street W. | (416) 368-2511

Experience the timeless elegance and grace of the most luxurious hotel in Toronto, with suites, a lounge, and dining options.

Located Here: REIGN Restaurant & Bar, CLOCKWORK, Library Bar

4) One King West

1 King Street W. | (416) 548-8100

One of Toronto's most acclaimed boutique hotels, highly regarded for its luxury amenities, customer service and location.

Located Here: Teller's Bistro & Bar

7) Sheraton Centre Toronto

123 Queen Street W. | (416) 361-1000

Embrace the energy of Toronto during your stay at Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, located in the Financial District.

Located Here: 43 Down, Dual Citizen

9) Marriott City Centre

1 Blue Jays Way | (416) 341-7100

Located in the Rogers Centre, home of the Toronto Blue Jays, this hotel offers an unforgettable experience in the city's core.

Located Here: Sportsnet Grill

2) Hilton Toronto

145 Richmond Street W. | (416) 869-3456

Located next to Osgoode Station, the Hilton is a short 10 minute walk from Union Station, the CN Tower, and the ROM.

Located Here: Frenchy Bar et Brasserie

5) The Ritz-Carlton

181 Wellington Street W. | (416) 585-2500

Explore the reimagined luxury room in downtown Toronto, with a lounge, city or lake views, and spacious living spaces.

Located Here: TOCA Restarant, EPOCH Bar & Kitchen Terrace

8) The St. Regis Toronto

325 Bay Street | (416) 306-5800

With exceptional dining, an on-site spa, and located in the heart of downtown, the St. Regis redefines five-star luxury.

Located Here: LOUIX LOUIS

3) InterContinental

225 Front Street W. | (416) 597-1400

Enjoy urban luxury at this four-diamond hotel near the CN Tower, Scotiabank Arena, and Ripley's Aquarium of Canada.

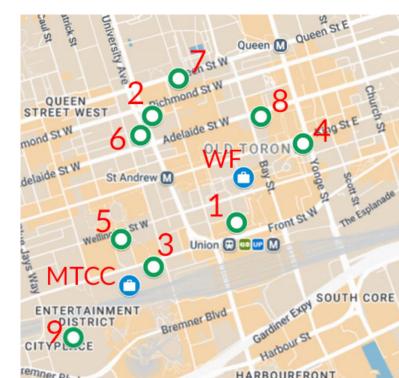
Located Here: Azure Restaurant & Bar

6) Shangri-La Toronto

188 University Ave. | (647) 788-8888

Soaring above the city in one of Toronto's tallest buildings, Shangri-La offers guests a distinctively urban escape.

Located Here: bosk, Mott 32



Neighbourhoods & Local Area

Distillery District

This pedestrian-only neighbourhood is home to North America's largest collection of preserved Victorian era industrial architecture. Once the site of the largest whisky distillery in the world, today you will find its cobblestone streets lined with hip indie restaurants, bars and boutiques.

Noteworthy Restaurants: Cluny

Financial District

Canada's centre of finance and business, you will find the country's most prominent banks and law firms alongside high-end dining options, Union Station and Rogers Centre. The Financial District's skyscrapers are connected by the underground PATH, a 30-kilometre network of walkways, food courts and stores.

Noteworthy Restaurants: Black + Blue, Canoe



Entertainment District

Located in downtown Toronto, the Entertainment District is home to theatres, performing arts centres and an array of cultural and family attractions. Visit some of Toronto's best-known attractions, or take in a play or comedy show.

Noteworthy Restaurants: Nobu Toronto, Abrielle

St. Lawrence Market

Located directly next to the Distillery District, the St. Lawrence Market neighbourhood is named after its central market, an iconic landmark and culinary hotspot featuring more than 120 merchants and farmers that has drawn celebrity chefs such as Emeril Lagasse and Bobby Flay.

Noteworthy Restaurants: Amano Trattoria, Piano Piano

Yorkville

Fashionable and dynamic, Yorkville is a top destination for affluent shoppers, who are drawn towards its high-end boutiques, galleries, and design studios. The area features chic cafes, polished bars, and fine dining restaurants.

Noteworthy Restaurants: Sassafraz, Café Boulud



Kensington Market

Toronto's Kensington Market is an eclectic neighbourhood with a multicultural mix of supermarkets, street food, hole-in-thewall boutique shops and vintage clothing stores. A must visit location for anyone who enjoys going off the beaten path.

Noteworthy Restaurants: Rikki Tikki

Toronto Harbourfront

A vibrant waterfront area, the Toronto Harbourfront extends from Bathurst Street in the west along Queens Quay (pronounced "key"!), the picturesque neighbourhood is lined with programming, promenades, bike paths, parks, a beach, restaurants and cafes.

Noteworthy Restaurants: Harbour 60, Don Alfonso 1890

Things to Do - Activities & Sightseeing



Art Gallery of Ontario

317 Dundas St. W., Toronto, ON M5T 1G4

The Art Gallery of Ontario is a haven for local artists and an inspiring go-to for pop culture enthusiasts. Explore the works of celebrated artists like Van Gogh, Andy Warhol, Yayoi Kusama and more.



Casa Loma

1 Austin Terrace, Toronto, ON M5R 1X8

Built in a striking Gothic Revival style, Casa Loma is among Toronto's most striking and unique architectural landmarks.



Bata Shoe Museum

327 Bloor St. W., Toronto, ON M5S 1W7

Explore the world at your feet through a collection of nearly 15,000 shoes and related artefacts that span 4,500 years of history.



CN Tower

290 Bremner Blvd, Toronto, ON M5V 3L9

Defining the Toronto skyline, the CN Tower is one of Canada's most recognizable icons. Enjoy specatular floor-to-ceiling panoramic views of the city while dining at the award-winning 360 Restaurant.

Things to Do - Activities & Sightseeing



Hockey Hall of Fame

30 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M5E 1X8

Established to honour individuals who have brought special distinction to the game of hockey, this is the home of the Stanley Cup and the finest collection of hockey artefacts in the world.



Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

288 Bremner Blvd., Toronto, ON M5V 3L9

Experience an underwater adventure with over 20,000 marine animals from around the world, located right next to the iconic CN Tower.



Little Canada

10 Dundas St. E., Toronto, ON M5B 2G9

Little Canada is a unique visitor attraction that tells the stories of Canada and showcases the country's cities & landscapes through the art of miniatures.



Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)

100 Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M5S 2C6

Home to more than 13 million objects spanning art, cultures and nature. Take a deep dive into the cultural treasures of times past and present.

Things to Do - Arts, Culture and Sports

As one of the must diverse cities in the world, Toronto is home to a rich and vibrant culture with a long history of excellence in the performing and musical arts. The city's thriving music scene spans genres, from the Toronto Symphony Orchestra to cutting-edge indie bands, reflecting its status as a cultural mosaic that nurtures creativity and innovation.

Mirvish Theatre

Every year, Mirvish Productions produces and presents dozens of plays and musicals, chosen from the best theatre originating in Canada, New York, London, Australia and beyond.

Be sure to check the listings of shows that will be performed at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, the Princess of Wales Theatre, the CAA Ed Mirvish Theatre, and the CAA Theatre.





Music and Sports Venues

Toronto plays host to some of the most sought after performing artists in the world, with shows performed at Scotiabank Arena (home to the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs and NBA's Toronto Raptors), Rogers Centre (home to the MLB's Toronto Blue Jays), Budweiser Stage, and the historic Massey Hall.

Be sure to check out upcoming concerts and sporting events at the <u>Scotiabank Arena</u>, as the NHL and NBA seasons will both be in full swing.

Where to Eat

Alobar Downtown

Nestled in the heart of Toronto's bustling Financial District. Dive into an atmosphere of sophistication where seafood is prepared with exquisite finesse, promising a memorable dining experience.

Azure Restaurant & Bar

Relish contemporary Canadian dishes that showcase local ingredients in an upscale yet welcoming environment.

Canoe

Appreciate refined Canadian cuisine that celebrates the country's diverse landscape, inspired by Canada's raw, rich land presented with creativity and flair.

Don Alfonso 1890

Indulge in exquisite Italian cuisine that combines traditional with contemporary, promising an exceptional culinary journey.

Madrina Bar y Tapas

Madrina Bar y Tapas focuses on seasonal products and authentic ingredients from Spain to reimagine a menu that marries innovation and fun with Barcelona classics.

Abriellle

Enjoy the vibrant flavours of the Mediterranean Coast, crafted with care and precision to transport you to the sun-drenched regions of South of France, Italy and Spain.

Black + Blue

Experience the grandeur of a premium steakhouse with a twist, where top-quality meats and impeccable service come together to create an unforgettable experience.

Chotto Matte

Immerse yourself in the vibrant and dynamic world of Nikkei cuisine, blending Japanese and Peruvian flavours in a lively setting.

<u>Frenchy Bar et</u> Brasserie

Step into a Parisian-inspired lobby bar and lounge, where sophisticated charm meets delightful French fare.

Nobu

Savour world-renowned Japanese cuisine that blends classic techniques with contemporary flair, creating a dining experience like no other.

Amal

Amal is where the Lebanese spirit of joie de vivre comes to life. Where cuisine, sharing, enjoyment and simply living unite.

Bymark

Indulge in a chic and contemporary dining experience in Toronto's Financial District, featuring a diverse menu that highlights premium ingredients and innovative culinary techniques.

Cluny Bistro

Delight in artisanal French dishes crafted with passion and precision, served in a charming and stylish bistro environment.

<u>Jump</u>

Experience the dynamic energy of American cuisine, presented in a vibrant and contemporary setting that encourages enjoyment and relaxation.

REIGN

Enjoy majestic dishes that showcase sophisticated cuisine and prestigious wine influenced by Canada's rich bounty.

Ardo Restaurant

A Michelin-star restaurant, Ardo offers Sicilian-inspired dishes with fresh seafood and indulgent pasta in the Old Town.

Café Boulud

Savour classic French cuisine that highlights traditional techniques and rich flavours, set in an elegant and inviting atmosphere located in the Four Seasons Hotel.

Daphne

Explore modern American flavours offering a warm and inviting dining experience.

Ki

Discover innovative Japanese dishes that push the boundaries of traditional cuisine, served in a modern and elegant atmosphere.

Stratus

Located on the 36th floor of the TD South Tower, elevate your dining experience with Canadian cuisine that is refined with a mix of new world flavours.

About WeirFoulds LLP

For 165 years, the lawyers of WeirFoulds have been proud to serve our clients in their most difficult and complex matters, providing strategic, cost-effective and innovative legal advice.

- As a leading regional full service law firm with over 125 lawyers, fluent in more than 15 languages and assisted by more than 20 law clerks and paralegals, our mid-size lets us offer clients access to world-class legal services without the burden of needless cost overheads.
- ▶ WeirFoulds has one of the premier litigation practices in Canada and is well-versed in handling high-stakes and highly publicized litigation. Our litigators have gone on to become federally appointed judges, Treasurers of the Law Society of Ontario, and benchers of the Law Society of Ontario.
- ▶ We focus on resolving business problems in the mid-market, providing sophisticated expertise on a cost-effective basis, primarily in our four core areas of practice: Corporate; Litigation; Government; and Property.
- Our digital security maintenance and data confidentiality processes have been fully certified as operating at SOC 2 (Systems and Organizations Controls 2) compliance level.
- ▶ WeirFoulds has been recognized as the "Regional Law Firm of the Year Ontario" in 2023, 2022 and 2020 by the Canadian Law Awards.
- ▶ 59 lawyers ranked across 28 speciality areas in the 2025 Best Lawyers in Canada and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch.
- ▶ 30 lawyers and 8 practice areas ranked in the 2025 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.
- ▶ 10 lawyers and 2 practice areas ranked in the 2025 Chambers Canada Guide and Chambers High Net Worth Guide.



