

Remembering our late friend and colleague Barnet Kussner

February 17, 2021

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden and tragic passing of our Partner, friend and colleague, Barnet Kussner ("Barney"). Barney passed away on the evening of February 14, 2021.

In 1989, Barney joined the firm as an articling student. Following his Call to the Ontario Bar in 1991, he became a foundational member of our Municipal Law Group and went on to become regarded as one of the top municipal lawyers in Canada. Barney appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada in several important municipal law cases, and frequently appeared before all levels of court, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (and its predecessor, the Ontario Municipal Board) and many municipal councils.

"The passing of our friend Barney has been devastating for everyone at WeirFoulds," says Bruce Engell, Chair of WeirFoulds' Municipal and Land Use Planning Practice Group. "He was a remarkable man and excellent lawyer. His ready smile and calm demeanor were always a breath of fresh air in the office."

Following 32 years with the firm, Barney will be remembered as a kind and generous man with a passion for life and his work, but above all for his deep love for his family. He will be deeply missed by everyone who was privileged to know him.

If so moved, a contribution in Barney's memory can be made to the [Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation](https://www.ca-shaarezedek.com).

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