

Best Lawyers in Canada recognizes four WeirFoulds lawyers as Toronto “Lawyer of the Year”

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Among the [57 WeirFoulds lawyers listed in the 2026 editions](#) of *Best Lawyers in Canada* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada* are Partners Clare Burns, Karsten Lee and Carlos Martins, and Counsel Christopher Tzekas, all of whom are recognized within Toronto as “Lawyer of the Year” in their respective areas of practice.

Clare Burns is recognized in “Trusts and Estates”. Widely regarded as one of Canada’s leading litigators in trusts and estates law, Clare has established a strong reputation among her clients and peers for handling complex and highly sensitive matters involving trusts, estates and capacity litigation. She was [recently recognized](#) by the Ontario Bar Association with the 2025 OBA Award of Excellence in Trusts and Estates Law.

Karsten Lee is recognized in “Commercial Leasing Law”. Karsten advises and assists national, individual and entrepreneurial clients with respect to all leasing-related matters. He has extensive experience in providing advice on a broad range of leasing-related issues relating to redevelopments, real estate acquisitions and dispositions, defaults and termination.

Carlos Martins is recognized in “Defamation and Media Law”. Carlos is a skilled litigator with over 25 years of experience in providing legal advice in diverse sectors, specializing in the areas of aviation law and defamation law. He has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario, including the Supreme Court of Canada. In addition, Carlos has appeared before various administrative tribunals on behalf of his clients.

Christopher Tzekas is recognized in “Expropriation Law”. Chris specializes in administrative law and civil litigation, with an emphasis on municipal and expropriation law, land use planning and development. He represents provincial ministries, municipalities, and a wide range of private clients. He has appeared before tribunals and courts at every level, including the Ontario Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada.

These rankings are incredibly prestigious, as *Best Lawyers* only selects a single lawyer per region and practice area to receive this distinction each year.

Congratulations to Clare, Karsten, Carlos and Christopher on this significant honour!

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