

Shopping Centres

Ever since the firm was retained by the T. Eaton Company to develop what was the largest department store in Canada at the time, WeirFoulds has had a hand in the development of shopping centres and the ever evolving Canadian retail landscape.

Shopping centres bring together numerous stakeholders with diverse and sometimes conflicting interests. It takes careful planning to ensure they operate smoothly. It is important to engage legal advisers who understand the unique dynamics of multi-use retail centres, and who can provide legal and business advice that is tailored to this landscape.

Our lawyers act for a range of stakeholders in the retail industry, including property developers, managers and owners, commercial tenants and store creditors. Our commercial, real estate, leasing and construction law experts assist with all aspects of the development of shopping centres, from land use approvals to building and parking lot construction. We represent commercial landlords and tenants in their lease negotiations and help navigate tenancy terminations and insolvencies. We assist creditors with securing their interests under personal property security legislation. We also represent clients in dispute proceedings, either in court or through alternative dispute resolution processes.

We take a multi-disciplinary approach to advising clients in the retail industry. We engage our commercial, insolvency, construction, property, tax and litigation experts as necessary to ensure our clients receive excellent advice that is tailored to their needs.

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- Commercial leasing
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- Disputes
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- Insolvencies
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- Lien searches and registrations
- Municipal approvals
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- Operating agreements
- Protests
- Risk allocation
- Security interests
- Tenancy terminations
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