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Practice Areas

Construction

Corporate

Design-Build

Litigation & Dispute

Resolution

F. Philip Carpenter is a partner in the Construction Practice Group at WeirFoulds.

He has extensive experience working on complex construction litigation files for all levels of the industry, having worked previously at a boutique firm in Toronto with a focus on construction law. He has represented contractors, subcontractors, owners, and design professionals in a variety of construction disputes. Additionally, Philip has experience acting for municipalities and municipal insurers in relation to building inspection liability cases. He has also completed contract reviews and drafting for design and construction management clients.

Philip graduated from the Faculty of Law at Dalhousie University in 2007 and was called to the Nova Scotia bar in 2008. Before attending law school, Philip studied mechanical engineering at McGill University where he completed his bachelor of engineering degree with a minor in economics. In 2009, he completed his master of laws degree with distinction at the London School of Economics where he focussed on regulatory and corporate offences.

After returning to Canada, Philip spent two years clerking for the judges of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal. After clerking, he spent one year practicing regulatory, administrative and criminal law in Halifax where he focused on appeals, Charter motions, and legal research before being called to the Ontario bar in 2013.

Called to the Bar

- Ontario (2013)
- Nova Scotia (2008)

Education

- LLM (with Distinction), London School of Economics, 2009
- LLB, Dalhousie University, 2007
- BEng, McGill University, 2004

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Awards

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* as a leading practitioner in Construction Law (2025, 2026)

Professional Activities

- Secretary, Construction Practice Group, The Advocates' Society (2019-2020)
- Member-at-Large, Construction Practice Group, The Advocates' Society (2018-2019)

Speaking Engagements

- Co-Chair, "Lessons From Canada and the UK: Lien Reform and Adjudication", The Advocates' Society, Online, April 22, 2022.

Additional Publications:

- [Co-Author, "Adjudication for Engineers", *Canadian Consulting Engineer*, Pg. 20-21, March/April 2024](#)

Media Mentions:

- ["Fundamental Changes to Civil Practice Coming to Canada's Largest Court", *Law.com*, April 15, 2025](#)