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Practice Areas

Administrative & Public Law

Expropriation

Litigation & Dispute

Resolution

Municipal

Planning & Land Development

Zoning & Official Plans

Micah Goldstein is an expropriation lawyer at WeirFoulds LLP.

Micah's practice is split equally between acting on behalf of expropriated owners and expropriating authorities throughout Ontario. He routinely acts for owners against Metrolinx, the Ministry of Infrastructure, the Ministry of Transportation, the City of Mississauga, and the City of Toronto, among others. Having worked for many expropriating authorities, Micah uses his understanding of their typical strategies and concerns to inform his advocacy for expropriated owners.

Micah has a resolution-based approach to assisting owners in achieving full compensation while also expeditiously resolving their claims, to allow clients to move on with their lives. Although his focus is on settlement, Micah has a strong litigation background that allows him to advance proceedings before the Ontario Land Tribunal if necessary. Micah began his career as a commercial litigator at a full-service firm, during which he appeared before the Ontario Superior Court, several administrative boards and tribunals, and private arbitrators.

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Micah worked as an associate at a boutique firm practicing exclusively in expropriation law. Micah brings a personalized, small firm approach to his files, while also enhancing that service by integrating synergies from other practice groups within WeirFoulds. An expropriation can raise a multitude of issues requiring specialized experience, including employee terminations, insurance coverage, taxation of compensation, landlord-tenant matters, environmental remediation, transportation engineering, and land use planning. Micah coordinates and leads teams of legal and outside professionals to fully serve and advise his clients.

Prior to joining private practice, Micah articulated with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General in the Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities Office. In some ways similar to expropriation, Micah's articling involved taking private property for the province, although the private property was forfeit to the state on the basis of being either proceeds or an instrument of unlawful activity.

Micah is involved in professional associations in the area of land acquisition. Micah has served on

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committees and regularly writes and makes presentations for these groups.

Called to the Bar	Education	Affiliations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ontario (2013)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• J.D., Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, 2012• B.A. (Honours), Lakehead University, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law Society of Ontario• Ontario Bar Association• Ontario Expropriation Association

Significant Cases

- *1365 California Ltd v Moss Property Management Inc* (30 September 2016), 2019 CPCMotionO 30816 (ONSC)

Reported Cases

- *Gray v Ontario (Transportation)*, 2020 CanLII 59903 (ON LPAT)
- *Beatty v Wei*, 2017 ONSC 2922, 2017 CarswellOnt 6980

Awards

- Awarded one of four Law Foundation of Nova Scotia Scholarships, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, 2009 and 2010
- John L. Harris Q.C. Memorial Scholarship, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, 2011

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Update on *Expropriations Act*", 2024 Spring Conference, International Right of Way Chapter 29, Niagara Falls, ON, April 12, 2024
- Speaker, "Tenant Issues in Expropriation Proceedings", 2023 Fall Conference and Annual General Meeting, Ontario Expropriation Association, Toronto, ON, October 20, 2023
- Speaker, "Municipal, Planning & Land Development Law Update", WeirFoulds LLP, Online and In-person, May 10, 2022
- Speaker, "Case Law Review", 2019 Ontario Expropriation Association, Fall Conference, Toronto, ON, October 24, 2019

Media Mentions:

- "[Carney's budget gives high-speed rail agency power to expropriate and skip key review](#)", *The Toronto Star* (November 26, 2025)

Publications

- Expropriation and Property Acquisition by the Province for the Ontario Line, January 21, 2025

- [The Supreme Court of Canada Redefines Constructive Expropriation, October 27, 2022](#)
- [Amendments to the *Expropriations Act* Proposed Under Bill 245, February 26, 2021](#)