

# Narmada Gunawardana

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**Practice Areas**

Municipal  
Planning & Land Development  
Litigation & Dispute  
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Expropriation

Narmada Gunawardana is an Associate in the Municipal, Planning & Land Development Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP.

Narmada provides legal opinions to both private and public sector clients in matters related to various aspects of land use planning and municipal law. Narmada is a litigator that regularly appears before the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Narmada worked as an Associate at a Toronto-based law firm focused on land development advocacy and associated litigation. Narmada has appeared before both the Superior Court of Justice and the Small Claims Court in Ontario in contested motions and trials.

While in law school, Narmada was actively involved in both the Windsor and Detroit communities and volunteered in various legal clinics on both sides of the border. She was also selected as a Judicial Intern for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan where she worked on both civil and criminal matters.

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**Called to the Bar**

- Ontario (2022)

**Education**

- University of Windsor Faculty of Law, Dual J.D., 2021
- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Dual J.D. (*cum laude*), 2021
- McGill University, Bachelor of Arts – Double Major in Political Science and Economics, 2017

**Affiliations**

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- Urban Land Institute (ULI), Toronto Chapter
- The Advocates' Society

**Awards**

- R. Lawrence DeShield Memorial Award in Municipal Law Studies
- ZSA and National Post Award in honour of Lorraine Shalhoub (for academic and service excellence)

## Professional Activities

- Public Affairs Liaison, Ontario Bar Association, Municipal Law Section (2025 – 2026)

## Community Involvement

- Volunteer and Project Coordinator, Pro Bono Students Canada – University of Windsor Chapter (2018-2020)
- Business Associate, *Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues* (2019 – 2020)
- Summer Business Manager, *Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues* (2019)
- Caseworker, Community Legal Aid Windsor (2019)
- Associate Editor, *Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues* (2018 – 2019)

## Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, OPPI & WeirFoulds LLP Annual Seminar 2025, Toronto, ON, December 12, 2025
- Speaker, "Planning, Policy, Progress: Mapping Recent Legislative Changes in Ontario", ACTION 2025 National Planning Conference, CIP/OPPI, Toronto, ON, July 8, 2025

## Additional Publications:

- Co-Author, [Planning Legislative Framework in Ontario Practice Guide](#), Ontario Professional Planners Institute, July 2025

## Publications

- SCC Confirms Adverse Possession of Municipal Parkland in Ontario Remains Alive and Well, September 23, 2025
- Building Faster and Smarter, at last? Province of Ontario Introduces Bill 17, May 21, 2025
- Out With the Old, in With the New Provincial Policy Statement, 2024, August 23, 2024
- Significant Changes to Planning: Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, June 13, 2024