

## Arturo Pugliese

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### Practice Areas

Commercial Leasing

Franchise Law

Real Property

Sports

Arturo Pugliese is a Partner in the Real Estate Practice Group and Co-Chair of the Franchise Law Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP. His practice focuses on real estate transactions, particularly in the areas of purchase and sale, financing and commercial leasing.

Arturo's commercial real estate practice encompasses various industries and client types, including foreign investors interested in adding Canadian real estate to their investment portfolios.

Additionally, Arturo regularly advises both national and individual landlords and tenants, in a broad range of property types and areas associated with commercial leasing. Combined with his significant experience in franchise law, he provides tailored real estate advice to franchisors and franchisees.

Prior to joining WeirFoulds, Arturo was a Partner at a law firm focused on business and public law in Canada, with offices throughout Ontario and satellite offices in New York. In this role, Arturo helped clients build a sustainable legal framework to help them grow and reach their business objectives, providing counsel to a wide range of clients.

Arturo is a member of the Legal and Legislative Affairs Committee at the Canadian Franchise Association and a member of the Independent Review Committee for a Toronto-based asset management firm. Since 2019, he has also volunteered his expertise as General Counsel of Friends of the Orphans Canada also travelling to the Caribbean to build an addition to an orphanage.

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| <b>Called to the Bar</b> | <b>Education</b>  | <b>Affiliations</b>  |
| • Ontario (2001)         | • University of Windsor, LL.B., 1999                              | • Ontario Bar Association                                      |
| <b>Languages</b>         | • University of California Irvine, B.A. (Political Science), 1994 | • Canadian Bar Association                                     |
| • English<br>• Italian   |   | • Canadian Franchise Association                               |
|                          |   | • Canadian Italian Business & Professional Association (CIBPA) |
|                          |   | • International Council of Shopping Centres (ICSC)             |

## Professional Activities

- Canadian Franchise Association – Member, Legal and Legislative Affairs Committee (Nov. 2021 – Present)

## Community Involvement

- Friends of the Orphans Canada – General Counsel (Feb 2019 – Feb 2024)
- St. Joseph's Health Centre Foundation – Committee Member, Cycle 4 St. Joe's (Feb 2019 – Feb 2020)

## Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Recipe for Growth: A Playbook for New Facility Builds & Expansion in Food and Beverage Industry", Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC), Online, February 3, 2026
- Speaker, "Leasing Protections - Negotiating the Lease to Better Protect the Franchised Business", OBA Franchise Law Conference, Ontario Bar Association, Toronto, ON, November 27, 2025

## Additional Publications

- Co-Author, "[Breaking Up an Exclusive Relationship: The Impact of Bill C-56 on Commercial Leases](#)", Loopstra Nixon LLP

## Publications

- Data Centres – Real Estate Fundamentals, January 23, 2026