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Practice Areas

Municipal
Planning & Land Development
Expropriation

An Associate in the Municipal, Planning & Land Development Practice Group and Expropriation Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP, Nikolas Koschany specializes in land use planning, expropriation, municipal, and administrative law.

They advocate before the Ontario Divisional Court, the Ontario Land Tribunal, the Toronto Local Appeal Body, municipal councils, and committees of adjustment, securing planning approvals, gaining compensation on expropriation matters, and navigating appeals and judicial reviews under all planning and development legislation.

Nikolas is the newsletter editor for the Ontario Bar Association Municipal Law Section and frequently contributes articles and edits publications. Prior to joining WeirFoulds, they practiced at a boutique law firm focused on land development and litigation. Their background as an urban planner, with over five years of experience in Canada and England, provides a comprehensive understanding of land development processes.

Committed to pro bono advocacy, Nikolas monitors municipal responses to homeless encampments and promotes the human rights of unhoused residents, contributing to policy advancements and heightened awareness of vulnerable communities.

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Called to the Bar

• Ontario (2024)

Education

- Osgoode Hall Law School, Juris Doctor, 2023
- Toronto Metropolitan
 University, Bachelor of Urban
 and Regional Planning (Gold
 Medalist), 2016

Affiliations

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- Ontario Expropriation
 Association
- Urban Land Institute (ULI)
- Building Industry and Land
 Development Association (BILD)

Awards

- Archie Campbell Memorial Award (2022)
- Charlies Edward Woodrow Award (2021)
- N.A. Taylor Scholarship (2020)
- Ryerson University Gold Medal (2016)

Professional Activities

- Newsletter Editor, Ontario Bar Association, Administrative Law Section Executive (2025 2026)
- Newsletter Editor, Ontario Bar Association, Municipal Law Section Executive (2024 2026)
- Member-at-Large, Ontario Bar Association, Administrative Law Section Executive (2024 2025)

Community Involvement

- Project Lead, Canadian Encampment Database (2023 Present)
- Co-Founder and Director, Friends of the Linear Parks (2017 2023)
- Board Member + Educational Outreach Team, Young Ones Consumer Survivor Mental Health Organization (2015 – 2017)

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Keeping Up with the Case Law", Ontario Bar Association, Online, October 9, 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, "The Bill 185 Aftermath Great Expectations and Unintended Consequences 2856973 Ontario v Toronto", Ontario Bar Association (March, 2025).
- Author, "Taking the Temperature on Climate Change Litigation and Remedies: Mathur v. Ontario, 2024 ONCA 762", Ontario Bar Association (February, 2025)
- Author, "'Katz' You Later Supreme Court of Canada Clarifies Standard of Review for Subordinate Legislation", Ontario Bar Association (December, 2024).
- Co-Author, "Bill 185: The Proposed Restriction of Third-Party Planning Appeals Brave New World, or Pandora's Box?", Ontario Bar Association (May, 2024).

Publications

- Judicial Review of Committee of Adjustment Decisions: Matters of Public or Private Importance?, November 25, 2025
- An Update on the City of Toronto's Inclusionary Zoning Policies, August 22, 2025
- Major Modifications Province of Ontario Approves City of Toronto Protected Major Transit

Station Area Policies, August 20, 2025

• Building Faster and Smarter, at last? Province of Ontario Introduces Bill 17, May 21, 2025