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Practice Areas

Cannabis
Commercial Leasing
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Planning & Land Development
Real Property
Shopping Centres
Waterfront

Robert Eisenberg is a commercial leasing lawyer who excels at identifying potential landmines and devising clear, creative, and proactive solutions.

He is valued for his clear and to-the-point communication style and his ability to cut through the noise and focus on the issues that really matter to his clients to help them get the deal done.

Robert acts for landlords and tenants across Canada in all commercial asset classes (retail, industrial, office, and infrastructure). He also has specialized experience in dealing with complicated leasing structures including mixed-use developments, ground leasing, energy projects, airport hangars, build-to-suits, and aggregate extraction.

Robert is recognized in the Canadian commercial leasing bar as a leader. He was included as one of the *Best Lawyers in Canada* in Commercial Leasing Law (2026) after having previously being named as “One to Watch”. He currently serves on the ICSC Canadian Legal Conference’s Executive Planning Committee (and served as Chair for the 2025 conference) and on the Ontario Bar Association’s Real Property Law Section Executive. Robert is also a frequent speaker, having been repeatedly invited to speak at the Law Society of Ontario’s Eight Minute Commercial Leasing Lawyer series, The Buildings Show, and PM Springfest.

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Called to the Bar	Education	Affiliations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario (2015) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.D., Queen's University, 2014 • M.P.A., Queen's University, 2012 • M.Sc., London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, 2011 • B.A. (Hons.), McGill University, 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Council of Shopping Centers • ICSC - Next Gen • GEMs • Greater Toronto NAIOP • Urban Land Institute • Canadian Bar Association • Ontario Bar Association • Law Society of Upper Canada

Awards

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* as a leading practitioner in Commercial Leasing Law (2026)
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* as an upcoming leading practitioner in Commercial Leasing Law (2024)
- Queen's Law Student Ambassador Award
- Queen's Global Law Scholarship
- Newton Rowell Entrance Scholarship in Law
- Queen's Faculty of Law Entrance Scholarship
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- Madelene Hodgson Prize in History

Professional Activities

- Member-at-Large, Ontario Bar Association, Real Property Law Section (2025 – 2026)

Community Involvement

Canadian Friends of the LSE (Member-at-Large)

Lawyers4Wiesenthal

Toronto Sport & Social Club

Speaking Engagements

- Program Co-Chair, Real Estate Litigation Session, Ontario Legal Conference, Toronto, ON, February 3-6, 2026
- Speaker, "Navigating Legal Challenges in Managing Commercial Leases", The Buildings Show 2025, Toronto, ON, December 3, 2025
- Speaker, Practice Area Showcase and Mentorship Event, Ontario Bar Association Young Lawyers Division/Student Section, Online, September 29, 2025
- Speaker, "Navigating Current Legal and Regulatory Issues", PM Springfest 2025, Toronto, ON,

April 24, 2025

- Speaker, "How to Deal with Joint Occupancy During Fixturing Period", The Eight-Minute Commercial Leasing Lawyer, Toronto, ON, February 26, 2025
- Instructor, "RPIC - Leasing in CRE", REALPAC, Toronto, ON, February 10, 2025
- Speaker, "Legal and Regulatory Issues Facing Building Owners and Property Managers", PM Springfest 2024, Toronto, ON, May 9, 2024
- Moderator, "What Lies Beneath: Exploring the Mysteries of Ground Leasing", ICSC+Canadian Law 2024, Toronto, ON, April 8, 2024
- Moderator, "Privacy In the Retail World", ICSC+Canadian Law 2023, Toronto, ON, May 4, 2023
- Speaker, "Legal and Regulatory Issues Facing Owners and Property Mangers", PM Springfest, Toronto, ON, April 20, 2023
- Panelist, "Building a reputation and online presence", 2021 Young Lawyers Summit, Canadian Lawyer, Online, November 25, 2021
- Speaker, "Fall Lunch and Learn", Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment and Consent Authorities, Online, November 18, 2021
- Speaker, "From Farm to Table: An In-Depth Conversation about the Food Sector", WeirFoulds, Online, June 2, 2021
- Panelist, "Commercial Leasing Outlook 2021: Ask An Expert", WeirFoulds, Online, January 28, 2021
- Speaker, "Canada's New Cannabis Regime: General Tips for Dealing with Leases for Cannabis Retailers" ICSC Canadian Law Conference, Toronto, ON, May 1, 2018

Publications

- Out of Control? – Recent Changes to the *Competition Act* and their Potential Impact on Commercial Leasing, September 03, 2024
- City Council Passed Commercial Rent Control... and Nothing Changes, July 08, 2024
- Ripped from the Headlines: MLSE Unpaid Tax Dispute Revives the Question – What is the difference between a Lease and a License?, July 10, 2023
- Just Give Me a Reason: New Guidance on (Un)Reasonably Withholding Consent to Commercial Lease Transfers, June 07, 2022
- Further Changes to COVID-19 Rent Support Measures, January 17, 2022
- A Rose by Any Other Name: Federal Government Announces New Targeted COVID-19 Rent Support Measures, November 30, 2021
- Canada Keeps the CERS Cash Rolling, but Slows the Flow with the Program's End in Sight, July 27, 2021
- Change of Plans – New Amendments to Ontario's *Planning Act* and their Impact on Commercial Leasing, June 10, 2021
- Ontario's Provincial Emergency and Stay-at-Home Order: What It Means for Retail Today, April 14, 2021
- Commercial Tenant Relief Provided: the *Protecting Small Business Act, 2020*, June 18, 2020
- The Long-Term Impact of COVID-19 on Short-Term Rentals, June 05, 2020
- New Details Emerge about Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program – but Questions Still Remain, May 20, 2020
- Understanding the Impact of Commercial Rent Deferrals on Landlord GST/HST Remittance Obligations, May 04, 2020

- Trudeau, Ford Announce Initial Details of Rental Assistance to Commercial Tenants, April 24, 2020
- Trudeau Promises Rental Assistance to Commercial Tenants – But No Details Yet, April 23, 2020