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Don has over 25 years of experience in the gaming sector, primarily in executive positions, including casinos, charitable gaming, lottery, internet gaming, and horse racing.

He was previously General Counsel for the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, where he was also Deputy Registrar and counsel for the Ontario Racing Commission and its Executive Director. Don was the architect of the AGCO's shift to a risk-based approach to regulation and the modernization of the liquor licensing regulatory structure and the *Gaming Control Act* and its regulation, the development of the Registrar's Standards and Requirements, the Registrar's eligibility assessment process for applicants for registration or licensing, and the AGCO's regulatory assurance program.

He is Co-Director of the Osgoode Professional Development's Certificate in Gaming Law and the author of several legal texts, including *The Law of Charitable and Casino Gaming* and numerous articles. He is the recipient of several awards, including the Canadian Gaming Association's Industry Leadership and Outstanding Contribution.

INDUSTRY GROUPS

Gaming and Gambling

Recent Insights

GAMING AND GAMBLING

Navigating Canada's iGaming Landscape

Article

GAMING AND GAMBLING

Chambers Ranked: Gaming & Licensing Law, 2024

Recognition

CORPORATE COMMERCIAL

41 Lawyers Profiled Across 24 Areas of Law in The Best Lawyers in Canada, 2024

Education & Memberships

EDUCATION

Called to the Ontario Bar, 1984

Osgoode Hall Law School, LL.B., 1981

Wilfrid Laurier University, B.A., 1978

Awards & Recognition

Chambers & Partners

[Gaming Law](#)

The Best Lawyers™ in Canada

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Speaking Engagements & Publications

Liquor Laws of Canada, (with Craig Slater)
[LexisNexis Canada \(2018\)](#)

Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Charities, Associations and Not-for-Profit Organizations

[LexisNexis Canada, second edition \(2018\), reissue \(2013\), first edition \(2008\)](#)

Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Liquor Control
[LexisNexis Canada, 2017](#)

The Role of the Lawyer in Enterprise Risk Management and Risk Assessments

Announcement, Recognition

GAMING AND GAMBLING

Countdown to launch of iGaming in Ontario

Article

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Chambers Ranked: Gaming & Licensing Law

Recognition

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Lawyered - The Podcast: Gaming Law

Interview

CANNABIS

AGCO's Expression of Interest Lottery: Do You Feel Lucky?

Article

CANNABIS

Cannabis Reboot - Dealing With Shortages In Ontario

Article

CANNABIS

Some Clarity; Some Fog: Cannabis Licence Act, 2018 Ontario Regulation 468/18

Article

CANNABIS

Bill 36 — Approach To Cannabis Retailing In Ontario

Article

CANNABIS

Ontario's Evolving Cannabis Retail Model

Article

[Canadian Gaming Lawyer Magazine \(Summer, 2015\)](#)

Guide to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010

[LexisNexis Canada \(2017\)](#)

Election Law of Canada

[LexisNexis Canada \(April 2015\)](#)

The Law of Charitable and Not-for-Profit Organizations

[LexisNexis Canada, fifth edition \(2016\), fourth edition \(2012\), third edition \(2002\), second edition \(1995\) and first edition \(1990\).](#)

The Law of Charitable and Casino Gaming

[Butterworths Canada, 1999](#)

Charities and Not-for-Profit Administration and Governance Handbook

[Butterworths Canada, second edition \(2009\) and first edition \(2001\)](#)

Charities and Not-for-Profit Fundraising Handbook

[Butterworths Canada, second edition \(2006\) and first edition \(2000\)](#)

"A Role for the Private Sector Lawyer in the Policy-Making Process", Chapter 14, Public Law

[Bar Admission Course, Law Society of Ontario](#)

Public Law in Canada

[Nelson Canada, 1990](#)

The Six Nations Indian Land Claim to the Bed of the Grand River

[Historical Research Report Series, Report No. 1, Ministry of Natural Resources, 1986](#)

"The Role of the Historian in the Litigation Process"

[Canadian Historical Review, June 1986](#)

Review of our Children are our Future in Canadian

[Journal of Native Studies, 1983](#)

Professional & Community Involvement

Co-Director, The Osgoode Certificate in Gaming Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development Program

President, Createscape Waterloo Region

Director, Canadian International Development Organization

