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Albert is certified by the LSO as a Specialist in Environmental Law. He provides clients with legal and strategic advice on environmental and renewable energy law matters.

He has a Masters in Environmental Studies and joined Foglers in 2010 after 10 years with the Legal Services Branch of Ontario's Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change ("MOECC"). He assists clients with renewable energy project issues and has represented approval holders in numerous renewable energy approval (REA) hearings, including Ontario's first (*Erickson v. Ontario (Ministry of the Environment)* [2011] OERTDNo. 29; 61 CELR (3d) 1). He also assists clients with environmental and related aspects of transactions and various types of agreements, due diligence, securing necessary regulatory approvals, defences to environmental prosecutions, appeals of environmental orders and approvals, civil litigation involving environmental and related issues, contaminated lands and brownfields redevelopment. He appears before Ontario's Environmental Review Tribunal ("ERT"), the Ontario Energy Board, Ontario Municipal Board, the Fire Safety Commission, and all levels of court including Provincial Offences Court.

Albert also represents clients in defence of violations of Ontario's *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and helps clients navigate any Ministry of Labour investigations and prosecutions.

Albert is recognized by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* and as a repeatedly recommended lawyer in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert®* Directory in the area of Environmental Law.

PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental

Administrative and Regulatory

Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Commercial Litigation

Education

Indigenous

Judicial Reviews and Appeals

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Education & Memberships

EDUCATION

York University, M.E.S./LL.B, 2000

York University, B.Sc. (Hons), 1996

MEMBERSHIPS

Ontario Bar Association

Ontario Environmental Industry Association (ONEIA)

Advocates' Society

Canadian Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

**Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory, 2025
Environmental Law**

**The Best Lawyers™ in Canada
Environmental Law and Energy Law**

Professional Designations

Certified Specialist - Environmental Law

Speaking Engagements &

Municipal and Planning

Occupational Health Safety

INDUSTRY GROUPS

Clean Tech

Energy

Recent Insights

CORPORATE COMMERCIAL

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

Announcement, Recognition

CORPORATE COMMERCIAL

Doing Business in Canada

Article

COMMERCIAL LEASING

Eight Partners Ranked as Leading Practitioners in Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory, 2021

Recognition

LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Due Diligence Defence Available to Employers Whose Employees Hit Gas Lines in Ontario

Article

LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Success before the Ontario Provincial Offences Court in R. v. Coco Paving Inc.

Announcement

ENVIRONMENTAL

Divisional Court Upholds Tribunal Decision That The Ministry May Order Current and Former Owners, and Tenants to Delineate Contamination That has Migrated Off-Site

Article

Publications

Speaker, Trends in Cross Border Environmental Litigation

OBA Ontario Legal Conference, May 4, 2023

OBA Environmental Law Section, Program Co-Chair

Project Development and Endangered Species

OBA Environmental Law Section, Program Facilitator

Advanced Environmental Law Practitioner Roundtable: The Legal Landscape Following Midwest, Crombie and Huang,

CANECT 2017, Presenter

Environmental Due Diligence for Supervisors and Managers: Practical Strategies for Avoiding Environmental Liability

Canadian Wind Energy Association Conference 2016

Wind Turbine Noise: Ontario's Experience;

Land & Development Conference, Moderator

Climate & Urbanism: How is it Affecting Communities and Developments? and Environmental & Urbanism: How Sustainability is Evolving Across the Market

Canadian Energy Law Fundamentals Seminar, Presenter

Developing a Wind Power Project in Canada; February 27, 2014

2012 CanWEA Conference Toronto, Presenter

Wind Turbines and Health - A North American Perspective; October 14, 2012

2012 OBA Institute; Toronto, Presenter

Renewable Energy Approval Appeals and Hearings: An Update on Recent and Emerging Case Law

CBA Natural Resources Section Calgary, Presenter

Can a wind turbine cause serious harm to human health? Case law Update

OBA - Environmental Law Section - Renewable Energy Approval Appeals Update