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Andy's deep real estate knowledge and insight into the energy and infrastructure industries help inform and guide clients in their most important and complex real estate projects and transactions.

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Overview

Co-head of Torys' Commercial Real Estate Practice, Andy focuses on commercial real estate law, with a specific emphasis on energy projects, infrastructure, public-private partnerships and construction matters. Andy acts regularly on behalf of developers, consortiums, lending syndicates and government authorities on project construction, development and financing, as well as acquisitions and dispositions. He also has experience advising on the real estate components of M&A transactions, REITs and other securities law matters.



Andy provides excellent client service, strategy and advice.

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Featured Work

Basin Media Hub

Torys is acting as counsel to Hackman Capital Partners (HCP) in connection with the development and construction of the Basin Media Hub, a purpose-built, state-of-the-art film, television and digital media hub located at 29 Basin Street on an 8.9-acre waterfront development parcel in Toronto's Port Lands, that will include eight purpose-built sound stages, production office space, along with workshop and production support space

Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project

Torys is acting as counsel to Wataynikaneyap Power, a partnership between 24 First Nation Communities and Fortis Inc., in ongoing advice to the partnership on all energy regulatory matters related to the development of the C\$1.9 billion Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project, a 1,744 km transmission system in northwestern Ontario, including its applications to the Ontario Energy Board for transmission and distribution licences (EB-2015-0264, EB-2017-0236), deferral accounts (EB-2016-0262, EB-2018-0267), leave to construct (EB-2018-0190), as well as transmission rates (EB-2021-0134, EB-2022-0149)

Bombardier sale of Downsview Airport property in Toronto

Torys acted as counsel to Bombardier in the US\$635 million sale of its Downsview Airport property in Toronto, Ontario to the Public Sector Pension Investment Board

Public Storage in its US\$1.2 billion acquisition of Public Storage Canada, the third largest self-storage platform in Canada

Ministry of Transportation in connection with the uploading of both the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway, as part of a new deal between the Government of Ontario and the City of Toronto, whereby the Province agreed to provide the city with up to C\$1.2 billion in provincial operating supports over three years and significant capital relief to help achieve long-term financial stability and sustainability for the city

The City of Brampton in connection with the proposed development of City Lands, a project which envisions to include a new 20,000 spectator multi-purpose cricket facility that will act as an anchor for a larger sports and entertainment complex and a new transit-oriented mixed-use community

The City of Brampton in connection with the redevelopment of the Heritage Theatre and Southern Block to create an anchor development as part of the revitalization of Brampton's downtown core

The City of Brampton in connection with the proposed development of a new Centre for Innovation (CFI), a project which envisions an iconic landmark building that will potentially include a new central library, collaborative space for post-secondary institutions and modern, state-of-the-art office space for the downtown core

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Recognition and Awards

2024-2027	<i>Chambers Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in real estate (Ontario)
2020-2026	<i>The Legal 500</i> —Next generation partner in real estate and construction
2021-2026	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in real estate law and energy law
2019-2020, 2024	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in property development and property leasing
2026	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in Real Estate-Property Development

Insights

Update: major changes to new federal restrictions on foreign acquisitions of residential property

Loosening of restrictions is expected to unleash round of activity in the real estate space.

Sweeping new federal restrictions on foreign acquisitions of residential real estate come in force

Will the two-year ban chill the market?

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News

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Congratulations to our ranked lawyers and practice groups on earning industry-leading recognition, including 19 Band 1 rankings.

Canada's foreign buyer ban brings "chilling effect" on real estate market

Hear from partner Andy Gibbons as he shares his insight on the latest real estate development in Canada with *Fortune* and *The Globe & Mail*.

[Best Lawyers recognizes 177 Torys lawyers in its 2027 guide](#)

[Torys advises OPG on innovative \\$3 billion equity investment](#)

[Chambers Canada ranks 81% of Torys' Canadian partners in its 2026 guide](#)

[176 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2026 Best Lawyers guide](#)

[CCPPP recognizes Torys in two award-winning projects at the 2024 National Awards](#)

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Professional Involvement

Andy has previously practiced real estate law in England and is a member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) and the Urban Land Institute (ULI).

In the community, Andy is a member of the board of directors of Neighbourhood Link Homes, a non-profit support service agency operating non-profit housing projects in east Toronto, providing affordable homes for families and seniors. He is the former co-chair of the Board of Directors of St. Michael's Homes, a charitable organization based in Toronto.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LPC, 2003	College of Law of England and Wales
PgDL, 2002	College of Law of England and Wales
BSc (Honours), 2000	University of Leeds

Bar Admissions

Solicitor, England and Wales, 2005	Ontario, 2009
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