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A leading energy lawyer, Charles Keizer advises clients on some of the most sophisticated work in the sector, combining skilled advocacy and deep regulatory knowledge to help advance projects and unique and complex matters.

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Overview

Charles is co-head of Torys' Infrastructure and Energy Practice and leads the Energy Regulatory Practice. He maintains an active practice with an emphasis on administrative law and project development in the energy sector. He frequently advises generators (renewable and conventional), transmitters, and electricity and natural gas distributors in relation to regulatory, project development and contractual matters.

Charles regularly appears before the Ontario Energy Board on rates, licensing and leave to construct matters applications, some of which are the most complex and unique matters considered by that tribunal.

As lead counsel on a number of generation and transmission projects, Charles has provided strategic advice related to federal and provincial regulatory regimes, and he has a strong understanding of project development—from the initial stages to connection and commercial operation.



Charles is knowledgeable, solutions-oriented, and knows the sector and his clients. You can always count on Charles to deliver value.

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Featured Work

Hydro One Networks 2020-2022 custom incentive rate application

Torys acted as counsel to Hydro One Networks in its custom incentive rate application to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of a transmission revenue requirement for 2020-2022 (EB-2019-0082)

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)

OPG cost of service applications

Torys acted as counsel to Ontario Power Generation in its cost of service applications to the Ontario Energy Board to determine payment amounts for its nuclear and baseload hydroelectric production for 2008-2009 (EB-2007-0905), 2011-2012 (EB-2010-0008), 2014-2015 (EB-2013-0321) and 2017-2021 (EB-2016-0152)

Hydro One Networks in its Joint Rate Application to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of Custom Incentive Rates for a five-year period—2023 to 2027—for both its transmission and distribution businesses (EB-2021-0110)—its first joint rate application and one of the largest applications ever heard by the OEB

Alectra Utilities in its application to the Ontario Energy Board for leave to acquire and amalgamate with Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc., along with related licensing matters (EB-2018-0014)

Toronto Hydro-Electric System in its 2015-2019 electricity distribution rate application before the Ontario Energy Board (EB-2014-0116)

Brookfield Infrastructure in the C\$222 million sale of various entities operating under the control of Great Lakes Power Transmission LP to Hydro One Limited

Union Gas in its application to the Ontario Energy Board for pre-approval of the cost consequences of a long-term natural gas transportation contract with NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC

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Recognition and Awards

2016-2026 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in energy: power (regulatory)

2010-2024 *Chambers Global*—Leading lawyer in energy: power (regulatory)

2014-2025 *The Legal 500*—Leading partner in energy and natural resources: power

2008-2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in energy regulatory law

2018, 2024, 2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Lawyer of the Year for Energy Regulatory Law (Toronto)

2022 *Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in electricity

2008-2023	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in energy: electricity, energy: oil & gas and infrastructure law
2014-2022	<i>Who's Who Legal</i> — Global and National leading lawyer in energy (renewables)
2011-2019	<i>Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in energy (electricity)
2018	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Energy Regulatory Law Lawyer of the Year in Toronto
2017-2018	<i>Guide to the World's Leading Energy and Environment Lawyers</i>
2014	Lexology and the International Law Office's Client Choice Award—Energy & Natural Resources (Ontario)
2013	<i>Guide to the World's Leading Energy and Natural Resource Lawyers</i>

Insights

Building the projects of tomorrow: What's next for energy regulation in Canada?

Climate risk has transformed the project environment for all energy sector participants—including regulators. Learn how to adapt with this look at the landscape from Charles Keizer, co-head of Torys' Infrastructure and Energy Practice and leader of the Energy Regulatory Practice.

[The Protect Ontario by Securing Affordable Energy for Generations Act, 2025: key takeaways and next steps on Ontario's new energy law](#)

[ICI participants are now able to offset peak demand using corporate PPAs with eligible generators](#)

[Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan: priorities for the next 25 years](#)

[Bill 40, Protect Ontario by Securing Affordable Energy for Generations Act: key changes that will affect Ontario's energy sector and data centre industry](#)

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News

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We are pleased to share that 127 Torys lawyers and 40 practice areas have been recognized in this year's guide, including 16 Band 1 rankings.

176 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2026 *Best Lawyers* guide

Six Torys partners were also named Lawyer of the Year in their respective field.

161 Torys lawyers named in the 2024 *Best Lawyers* guide

64 Torys lawyers ranked in the 2025 IFLR1000 Leading Lawyers guide

Torys advises OPG on innovative \$3 billion equity investment

IFLR1000 recognizes 61 Torys lawyers as leaders in their fields

81% of Torys' Canadian partners ranked by Chambers Canada

179 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2025 Best Lawyers guide

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Professional Involvement

Before entering the legal profession, Charles was a financial project manager and economic analyst with the Ontario Energy Board.

Charles is past Chair of the Board of Burlington Hydro Electric Inc. and Burlington Hydro Inc. He is also a former director of the Ontario Energy Association and a Governor of the McMaster University Board of Governors.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LLB, 1991

Osgoode Hall Law School

MA, (Economics), 1985

University of Toronto

BA, (Economics), 1983

University of Prince Edward Island

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1993

Prince Edward Island, 1995