



# H. Graham Rawlinson

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A leading real estate lawyer, Graham brings decades of experience helping clients navigate the real estate industry through business-minded counsel focused on optimal opportunities and outcomes for clients.

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## Overview

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Graham is known for his extensive experience in commercial real estate and infrastructure transactions, including real estate joint ventures, acquisitions, divestitures, project finance, development, leasing, construction and secured lending.

Graham regularly acts for public and private businesses in some of their most complex and transformational real estate transactions. He brings market insight and real estate experience through his longstanding work in the seniors housing, retail, office and hospitality sectors.

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Commercial real estate practice co-head Graham Rawlinson is ‘very good to work with,’ according to industry participants.’

—CHAMBERS CANADA, 2021

## Featured Work

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### Portfolio of seniors housing facilities across Canada

Torys acts as counsel to Amica Senior Lifestyles Trust (formerly BayBridge Seniors Housing Trust) in its acquisition, financing, development and partnership arrangements in respect of a number of portfolios of seniors housing facilities located across Canada

## Acquisition of 75% equity interest in a portfolio of 32 long-term care homes located across Canada

Torys acted as counsel to Axiom Infrastructure in its joint venture partnership and acquisition of a 75% equity interest in a portfolio of 32 long-term care homes in Ontario, Alberta, Manitoba and British Columbia from Revera Inc., including related partnership, share ownership and property management arrangements

McMaster Innovation Park, a wholly-owned for-profit subsidiary of McMaster University, in its proposed C\$2 billion development of a premier research and innovation park in Hamilton, Ontario supporting business and research startups, including the negotiation of its joint venture and financing arrangements

Fengate Capital Management, in partnership with Virgin Hotels Limited, Juniper Capital Partners, LLC and other private investors, in the acquisition of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas from a private real estate fund

a private real estate development and seniors housing operating company in its C\$382 million sale of ten high-quality private-pay independent supportive living and assisted living retirement residences in Ontario to Sienna Senior Living Inc.

a private real estate development company in its C\$255 million sale of a portfolio of eight seniors housing assets to Sienna Senior Living Inc., including a portfolio of seniors housing assets in British Columbia consisting of two independent living retirement residences and six long-term care assets, and a 50% interest in the related management company, Pacific Seniors Management General Partnership

Automotive Properties REIT in its acquisition and leaseback of certain automotive dealerships in Alberta

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## Recognition and Awards

2016-2025 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in real estate (Ontario)

2021-2025 *The Legal 500*—Leading partner in real estate and construction

2013-2025 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in real estate law

2023 *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*—Leading lawyer in property development

2012-2016 *Chambers Global*—Leading lawyer in real estate

## Insights

When does taking "advantage" constitute "taking" property? Divided Supreme Court opens the door to compensation for land regulation

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[More than three quarters of Torys partners recognized in the 2023 Chambers Canada guide](#)

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## Professional Involvement

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Graham was previously Senior Editor for the *University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review*, and co-authored *The Canadian 100: The Most Influential Canadians of the Twentieth Century* (Little, Brown & Co., 1997), a national bestseller.

## Education and Bar Admissions

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### Education

LLB, 1999

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

Doctoral comprehensive examinations completed,  
1995

York University

MA, 1992

York University

BA (Honours), 1990

University of Western Ontario

## Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2001