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Overview

Jon's practice focuses on litigation and dispute resolution in a variety of areas, with a significant focus on commercial disputes and public and regulatory law disputes. He has acted for both public- and private-sector clients in administrative hearings, judicial reviews and constitutional law matters. Jon also represents clients in administrative proceedings under access to information legislation.

Jon has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario, the Federal Court, the Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Featured Work

a high school student, working alongside Justice for Children and Youth, in successfully challenging the constitutional validity of a policy imposed by the York Catholic District School Board requiring that candidates of a student-held position within the Board be a baptized Roman Catholic

CN Rail on all aspects of its Milton Logistics Hub Project, a major new rail facility in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, including acting as the legal lead in the complex, multi-year federal environmental approval process and high-profile public hearing, as well as several related court proceedings

EDP Renewables in an appeal of its Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the 100 MW Nation Rise Wind Farm in the Township of North Stormont, Ontario, including its successful application for judicial review before the Ontario Divisional Court of a decision by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on procedural grounds

Intellectual Property Owners Association in its intervention before the Québec Superior Court in a constitutional challenge of sections 79 to 103 of the Patent Act and of the Patented Medicines Regulations

the appellant in Christine DeJong Medicine Professional Corp. v. DBDC Spadina Ltd. in a successful appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada to recover funds taken in a fraudulent scheme and concerning the equitable doctrine of knowing assistance and the test for attributing fraud to a corporation

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2025 *Chambers Canada*—Associate to watch in litigation: administrative and public law

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Professional Involvement

Jon sits on the leadership team of The Advocates' Society's Regulatory and Administrative Law Practice Group and is a longstanding Director of The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History.

In 2016 to 2017, Jon served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Wagner of the Supreme Court of Canada. Prior to joining Torys, Jon worked as a student with the judges of the Superior Court of Ontario in Toronto. At law school, Jon was a senior editor for the Osgoode Hall Law Journal and a Dean's Fellow in Tort Law.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD (Bronze Medalist), 2015

Osgoode Hall Law School

BA (Honours, Gold Medalist), 2012

University of Western Ontario

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2016