



Josh Van Deurzen

PARTNER

With a background in business and a history of working with clients on transformative and award-winning major infrastructure projects, Josh provides comprehensive, commercial-minded counsel to clients on their large-scale and high-profile projects across Canada and the United States.

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Overview

With a dual call in Ontario and New York, Josh advises clients on commercial agreements for the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of major infrastructure and public-private partnership (PPP) projects on both sides of the Canada / U.S. border.

Josh works with project participants spanning the infrastructure ecosystem—representing government authorities, developers, construction contractors, service providers, lenders and underwriters—on all aspects of development and financing transactions across the spectrum of social and economic infrastructure, including healthcare, broadband, transit and transportation, water and wastewater, education and power.



Josh is responsive, knowledgeable and always available to assist.

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Featured Work

Alberta Broadband Networks Project

Torys acted as the lenders to Meridiam for the C\$219 million Alberta Broadband Networks project to design, build, finance, operate, maintain and lease a fibre-optic broadband network in central Alberta

Prince George's County Public Schools

Torys acted as counsel to Prince George's County Education and Community Partners (Fengate/Gilbane/Stantec/Honeywell) as the successful proponent for the US\$400 million Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) PPP project to design, build, finance and maintain six new schools in Prince George County, Maryland

MBTA Automated Fare Collections System 2.0 Refinancing

Torys is acting as the counsel to Boston AFC 2.0 OpCo (Cubic Transportation/John Laing) in connection with the US\$440 million refinancing of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Automated Fare Collections System 2.0 PPP project to design, install, finance, operate and maintain a new automated, account-based open fare payment system

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as the public authority for the C\$692.8 million New Adult Corrections Facility PPP project to design, build, finance and maintain a new 21,000 square metre facility to replace Her Majesty's Penitentiary in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Connor, Clark & Lunn Infrastructure in its US\$120 million acquisition of a 49.9% minority interest in Bermuda Skyport Corporation Limited, concessionaire of the L.F. Wade International Airport in Bermuda, from Aecon Group Inc.

Fengate PCL Progress Partners (Fengate Capital/PCL Investments) as the successful proponent for the US\$294.5 million Clackamas County Circuit Courthouse PPP project to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a new courthouse in Clackamas County, Oregon, which won IJGlobal's 2022 North America Social Infrastructure Deal of the Year

Infrastructure Ontario as the public authority for the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program, a new, innovative procurement process involving reverse auction events to subsidize the construction of high-speed internet projects throughout the province, a component of the Government of Ontario's C\$4 billion commitment to connect every region in Ontario to reliable, high-speed internet by the end of 2025, a program which won the 2022 Silver Award for Innovation and Excellence in Project Development from the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP)

Red River Valley Alliance (Acciona Concessions/Shikun & Binui/North American Construction Group) as the successful proponent for the US\$2.1 billion Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion PPP project to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a flood control project on the Red River that borders North Dakota and Minnesota, a project which won IFLR Americas Award's 2022 Project Finance Deal of the Year, Project Finance International's 2021 Americas P3 Deal of the Year, Proximo's 2021 North America Water Deal of the Year and IJGlobal's 2021 Water Deal of the Year - North America

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Recognition and Awards

2018-2027 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in projects: PPP and infrastructure

2027 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in Energy: Nuclear

2022-2025 *Chambers Global*—Leading lawyer in projects: PPP and infrastructure

2019-2025	<i>IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms</i> —Highly regarded in project finance and PPP/PFI
2018, 2025-2026	<i>The Legal 500</i> —Leading partner in infrastructure projects
2021-2026	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in project finance law
2021-2026	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in project finance and infrastructure law
2019	<i>Lexpert's Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40</i> —One of Canada's leading lawyers under 40
2018	<i>The Legal 500</i> —Next generation lawyer in infrastructure and projects

Insights

Collaborative contracting: key considerations for complex projects

We review the unique governance structure, risk/rewards system and collaborative mindset that have emerged out of this procurement approach for large projects.

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

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Professional Involvement

Josh is on the board of directors for the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships.

Before joining Torys, Josh served as legal counsel for a global private merchant bank.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2008

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

MBA, 2008

University of Toronto

BMgt (Finance), 2003

University of Lethbridge

Bar Admissions

New York, 2009

Ontario, 2011