

# Defence

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Our market-leading, multidisciplinary team works with project developers, investors, lenders, contractors, suppliers and governments across the full spectrum of their work in the defence sector.



## Overview

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Clients look to us to help navigate the unique complexities involved in the defence sector, including financing and procurement processes, project development; regulatory compliance; data security and national security considerations and export control. Our experience working with both private sector players and governments gives us robust perspective: we guide private sector clients across every dimension of their public sector dealings; and we are trusted by governments to work with them on complex defence transactions and related mandates.

Our approach brings together the right commercial, regulatory and industry counsel from across our areas of practice to best advise on the matter at hand, ensuring that our clients in the defence, aerospace, technology, and security ecosystem are covered on all sides.

#### PRIMARY CONTACTS



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## Areas of Service

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### Commercial contracting

We are known for our experience with complex, high-stakes contracting work, helping defence clients manage long-term, business-critical agreements.

### Banking and debt financing

Our team works closely with lenders and borrowers on discrete transactions and ongoing financial requirements, acting on some of the largest and most complex financing on defence projects.

### Data governance and privacy

We help clients in the defence sector capitalize on data-related opportunities and navigate the host of privacy and data-related issues critical to long-term success.

### Cybersecurity

Our cybersecurity team operates at the intersection of technology, privacy and governance, managing the regulatory and industry-specific compliance requirements associated with cybersecurity's evolving scope and complexity.

### Disputes

From traditional claims to failed-project cases and contaminated properties, we support clients in defence disputes—and help future-proof RFPs, contracts and other commercial agreements with risk in mind.

### Government and Crown Corporations

Given our long track record representing governments at all levels, we understand the broad range of policy issues that can arise in navigating defence mandates and opportunities.

### Infrastructure

With experience on hundreds of major infrastructure projects across Canada, the United States and beyond, we help clients throughout the life cycle of infrastructure assets and services.

## Procurement

We advise both authorities and bidders on procurement projects in the defense sector, integrating our deep understanding of procurement law and commercial contracting, project, regulatory and technology licensing to offer a “one stop shop” for procurement work.

## Project development

We help get major capital projects built across North America, advising on everything from planning, permitting and financing, to M&A, regulatory, environmental and Indigenous matters.

## National Security Reviews

We offer an integrated approach that applies our advisory and advocacy skills to national security reviews, including with respect to the often complex regulatory requirements associated with defence.

## Featured Work

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### Financing of Canada's largest ever space program

Torys acted as counsel to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada in its C\$2.14 billion debt and equity investment in Telesat Canada to support the development of a low earth orbit satellite constellation, which will be Canada's largest ever space program

### National Shipbuilding Strategy

Torys acted as counsel to Government of Canada, as the public authority, in its National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS), a long-term project to renew Canada's federal fleet of combat and non-combat vessels and Canada's largest procurement initiative to date

### Acquisition of a world leader in airborne training

Torys acted as counsel to Clairvest in its acquisition of Discovery Air Defence Services Inc. (now Top Aces Inc.), a world leader in airborne training and the world's largest privately-held operational fleet of fighter aircraft, from Discovery Air Inc.

### Strategic Aerospace and Defence Initiative Investment in Bombardier

Torys acted as counsel to Bombardier in connection with the Government of Canada's C\$372.5 million investment under the Strategic Aerospace and Defence Initiative

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# Latest Insights

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## Ontario releases framework for its first-of-its-kind Defence Industrial Strategy

Framework for the Ontario Defence Industrial Strategy outlines a ten year plan to position the province as a trusted partner in domestic and allied defence supply chains.

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## Canada proposes major reforms to project approval regime

Proposed reforms would streamline the federal decision-making for major projects.

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## Giving fast lane permitting a test drive

New “fast track” frameworks aim to improve the efficacy and efficiency of major project reviews, but success will hinge on how governments implement and align these processes.

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