

# Don Bourgeois

## Counsel

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Don has over 25 years of experience in the gaming sector, primarily in executive positions, including casinos, charitable gaming, lottery, internet gaming, and horse racing.

He was previously General Counsel for the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, where he was also Deputy Registrar, and counsel for the Ontario Racing Commission and its Executive Director. Don was the architect of the AGCO's shift to a risk-based approach to regulation and the modernization of the liquor licensing regulatory structure and the *Gaming Control Act* and its regulation, the development of the Registrar's Standards and Requirements, the Registrar's eligibility assessment process for applicants for registration or licensing, and the AGCO's regulatory assurance program.

He is Co-Director of the Osgoode Professional Development's Certificate in Gaming Law, and the author of several legal texts, including *The Law of Charitable and Casino Gaming* and numerous articles. He is the recipient of several awards, including the Canadian Gaming Association's Industry Leadership and Outstanding Contribution.

## INDUSTRY GROUPS

Gaming and Gambling

## Recent Insights

### GAMING AND GAMBLING

#### Navigating Canada's iGaming Landscape

Article

### GAMING AND GAMBLING

#### Chambers Ranked: Gaming & Licensing Law, 2024

Recognition

### CORPORATE COMMERCIAL

#### 41 Lawyers Profiled Across 24 Areas of Law in The Best Lawyers in Canada, 2024

Announcement, Recognition

## Education & Memberships

### EDUCATION

**Called to the Ontario Bar, 1984**

**Osgoode Hall Law School, LL.B., 1981**

**Wilfrid Laurier University, B.A., 1978**

## Awards & Recognition

### Chambers & Partners

[Gaming Law](#)

### The Best Lawyers™ in Canada

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## Speaking Engagements & Publications

**Liquor Laws of Canada, (with Craig Slater)**  
[LexisNexis Canada \(2018\)](#)

**Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Charities, Associations and Not-for-Profit Organizations**

[LexisNexis Canada, second edition \(2018\), reissue \(2013\), first edition \(2008\)](#)

**Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Liquor Control**  
[LexisNexis Canada, 2017](#)

**The Role of the Lawyer in Enterprise Risk Management and Risk Assessments**

**GAMING AND GAMBLING**

**Countdown to launch of iGaming in Ontario**

Article

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**GAMING AND GAMBLING**

**Lawyered - The Podcast: Gaming Law**

Interview

**CANNABIS**

**AGCO's Expression of Interest Lottery: Do You Feel Lucky?**

Article

**CANNABIS**

**Cannabis Reboot - Dealing With Shortages In Ontario**

Article

**CANNABIS**

**Some Clarity; Some Fog: Cannabis Licence Act, 2018 Ontario Regulation 468/18**

Article

**CANNABIS**

**Bill 36 — Approach To Cannabis Retailing In Ontario**

Article

**CANNABIS**

**Ontario's Evolving Cannabis Retail Model**

Article

Canadian Gaming Lawyer Magazine (Summer, 2015)

**Guide to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010**

LexisNexis Canada (2017)

**Election Law of Canada**

LexisNexis Canada (April 2015)

**The Law of Charitable and Not-for-Profit Organizations**

LexisNexis Canada, fifth edition (2016), fourth edition (2012), third edition (2002), second edition (1995) and first edition (1990).

**The Law of Charitable and Casino Gaming**

Butterworths Canada, 1999

**Charities and Not-for-Profit Administration and Governance Handbook**

Butterworths Canada, second edition (2009) and first edition (2001)

**Charities and Not-for-Profit Fundraising Handbook**

Butterworths Canada, second edition (2006) and first edition (2000)

**"A Role for the Private Sector Lawyer in the Policy-Making Process", Chapter 14, Public Law**

Bar Admission Course, Law Society of Ontario

**Public Law in Canada**

Nelson Canada, 1990

**The Six Nations Indian Land Claim to the Bed of the Grand River**

Historical Research Report Series, Report No. 1, Ministry of Natural Resources, 1986

**"The Role of the Historian in the Litigation Process"**

Canadian Historical Review, June 1986

**Review of our Children are our Future in Canadian**

Journal of Native Studies, 1983

**Professional & Community Involvement**

Co-Director, The Osgoode Certificate in Gaming Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development Program

President, Createscape Waterloo Region

Director, Canadian International Development Organization

