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# Don Bourgeois

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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

**Fifty-one Lawyers Recognized in Best Lawyers in Canada and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – 2027 Edition**
Recognition

**12 Partners recognized as Leaders in their field in the 2026 edition of the Canadian Legal LEXPERT Directory**
Recognition

**Ontario court rules province can allow online gamblers to play with people outside Canada**
Interview

## Education & Memberships

**EDUCATION**

**Called to the Ontario Bar, 1984**

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

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

## Awards & Recognition

**Best Lawyers™ in Canada**
Gaming Law

**The Canadian Lexpert® Directory, 2026**
Gaming Law

**Chambers & Partners**
Gaming Law

## Speaking Engagements & Publications

**Chair, Gambling by the Book: New Developments in Gaming Compliance**
Osgoode Professional Development (2026)

**Liquor Laws of Canada (with Craig Slater)**
LexisNexis Canada, second edition (2026), first edition (2018)

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

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**Gaming News Canada Show: Osgoode Certificate in Gambling Law Returns**

Interview

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**Navigating Canada's iGaming Landscape**

Article

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

Recognition

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

Recognition

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**Countdown to launch of iGaming in Ontario**

Article

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**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

LexisNexis Canada, reissue (2026), second edition (2018), reissue (2013), first edition (2008)

**Halsbury's Laws of Canada – Liquor Control**
LexisNexis Canada, reissue (2026), reissue (2017)

**Cannabis Laws of Canada (with Craig Slater)**
LexisNexis Canada (2025)

**Halsbury's Laws of Canada – Betting, Gaming and Lotteries**
LexisNexis Canada, reissue (2024)

**The Law of Charitable and Not-for-Profit Organizations**
LexisNexis Canada, sixth edition (2024), fifth edition (2016), fourth edition (2012), third edition (2002), second edition (1995), first edition (1990)

**Election Law of Canada**
LexisNexis Canada, second edition (2021), first edition (April 2015)

**The Law of Charitable and Casino Gaming**
Lexis Nexis Canada, second edition (2018) with Susan B. Campbell, Butterworths Canada (1999)

**A Guide to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010**
LexisNexis Canada (2017)

**"The Role of the Lawyer in Enterprise Risk Management and Risk Assessments"**
Canadian Gaming Lawyer Magazine (Summer 2015)

**Charities and Not-for-Profit Administration and Governance Handbook**
Butterworths Canada, second edition (2009), first edition (2001)

**Charities and Not-for-Profit Fundraising Handbook**
Butterworths Canada, second edition (2006), first edition (2000)

**Nelson Canada (1990)**
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**

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**

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