

# Albert M. Engel

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Albert is certified by the LSO as a Specialist in Environmental Law. He provides clients with legal and strategic advice on environmental and renewable energy law matters.

He has a Masters in Environmental Studies and joined Foglers in 2010 after 10 years with the Legal Services Branch of Ontario's Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change ("MOECC"). He assists clients with renewable energy project issues and has represented approval holders in numerous renewable energy approval (REA) hearings, including Ontario's first (*Erickson v. Ontario (Ministry of the Environment)* [2011] OERTDNo. 29; 61 CELR (3d) 1). He also assists clients with environmental and related aspects of transactions and various types of agreements, due diligence, securing necessary regulatory approvals, defences to environmental prosecutions, appeals of environmental orders and approvals, civil litigation involving environmental and related issues, contaminated lands and brownfields redevelopment. He appears before Ontario's Environmental Review Tribunal ("ERT"), the Ontario Energy Board, Ontario Municipal Board, the Fire Safety Commission, and all levels of court including Provincial Offences Court.

Albert also represents clients in defence of violations of Ontario's *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and helps clients navigate any Ministry of Labour investigations and prosecutions.

Albert is recognized by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* and as a repeatedly recommended lawyer in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert®* Directory in the area of Environmental Law.

## PRACTICE AREAS

**Environmental**

**Administrative and Regulatory**

**Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)**

**Commercial Litigation**

**Education**

**Indigenous**

**Judicial Reviews and Appeals**

**Litigation and Dispute Resolution**

## Education & Memberships

### EDUCATION

**York University, M.E.S./LL.B, 2000**

**York University, B.Sc. (Hons), 1996**

### MEMBERSHIPS

**Ontario Bar Association, Chair, Environmental Law Section Executive 2020-2021**

**Ontario Environmental Industry Association (ONEIA)**

**Advocates' Society**

**Canadian Bar Association**

## Awards & Recognition

**The Best Lawyers™ in Canada  
Environmental Law**

## Professional Designations

**Certified Specialist - Environmental Law**

## Speaking Engagements & Publications

Municipal and Planning

Occupational Health Safety

## INDUSTRY GROUPS

Clean Tech

Energy

## Recent Insights

### CORPORATE COMMERCIAL

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

Announcement, Recognition

### COMMERCIAL LEASING

**Eight Partners Ranked as Leading Practitioners in Canadian Legal Expert® Directory, 2021**

Recognition

### LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**Due Diligence Defence Available to Employers Whose Employees Hit Gas Lines in Ontario**

Article

### LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**Success before the Ontario Provincial Offences Court in R. v. Coco Paving Inc.**

Announcement

### ENVIRONMENTAL

**Divisional Court Upholds Tribunal Decision That The Ministry May Order Current and Former Owners, and Tenants to Delineate Contamination That has Migrated Off-Site**

Article

**Speaker, Trends in Cross Boarder Environmental Litigation**

[OBA Ontario Legal Conference, May 4, 2023](#)

**OBA Environmental Law Section, Program Co-Chair**

[Project Development and Endangered Species](#)

**OBA Environmental Law Section, Program Facilitator**

[Advanced Environmental Law Practitioner Roundtable: The Legal Landscape Following Midwest, Crombie and Huang,](#)

**CANECT 2017, Presenter**

[Environmental Due Diligence for Supervisors and Managers: Practical Strategies for Avoiding Environmental Liability](#)

**Canadian Wind Energy Association Conference 2016**

[Wind Turbine Noise: Ontario's Experience;](#)

**Land & Development Conference, Moderator**

[Climate & Urbanism: How is it Affecting Communities and Developments? and Environmental & Urbanism: How Sustainability is Evolving Across the Market](#)

**Canadian Energy Law Fundamentals Seminar, Presenter**

[Developing a Wind Power Project in Canada; February 27, 2014](#)

**2012 CanWEA Conference Toronto, Presenter**

[Wind Turbines and Health - A North American Perspective; October 14, 2012](#)

**2012 OBA Institute; Toronto, Presenter**

[Renewable Energy Approval Appeals and Hearings: An Update on Recent and Emerging Case Law](#)

**CBA Natural Resources Section Calgary, Presenter**

[Can a wind turbine cause serious harm to human health? Case law Update](#)

**OBA - Environmental Law Section - Renewable Energy Approval Appeals Update**