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Anna Esposito

Counsel and Mediator

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Anna Esposito's practice is focused exclusively on construction law, representing all players in the construction industry, including owners, contractors, subcontractors, materials suppliers, architects, engineers, other design professionals, sureties and insurers, mortgagees, trustees in bankruptcy and industry associations. Anna is also a Mediator who brings her 38 years of experience to the alternative dispute arena.

As a certified specialist in construction law, Anna advises and represents parties in connection with all types of construction disputes, such as liens, breach of trust, performance bonds, labour and material payment bonds, delay and impact claims, and negligent or deficient design or construction, whether by way of negotiation, arbitration, interim adjudication or litigation. She also assists clients with construction contract preparation and has experience handling bankruptcy and insolvency matters in the context of the construction industry.

As a mediator of construction-related disputes, Anna brings her pragmatic attitude to alternative forms of dispute resolution, assisting parties to resolve claims or disputes, creatively and cost-effectively, without resorting to court. Anna is both patient and persistent in her quest to bring parties to a negotiated resolution.

Her ability to analyze complex situations, synthesize the key issues, fashion the best options, and communicate complex legal concepts in an easy-to-understand manner, makes her the construction industry's go-to legal expert.

Clients appreciate her practical approach, taking their business needs and restrictions into account when providing legal remedies. Her attention to detail and high standards of client service are at the core of her successful practice as a lawyer and Mediator.

When litigation is the best or only option, she represents her clients before all levels of the Ontario Courts.

Anna is recognized as a Leading Practitioner in Construction Law by *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory*, selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in Canada™* for Construction Litigation consecutively since 2006 and is a Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers.

Throughout her career, Anna has been a prolific speaker, teaching industry professionals and lawyers about issues relevant to the construction industry and the nuances of construction law.

For 30 years, she served as the firm's Construction Practice Group Head, and was the firm's Managing Partner from 2005 until 2010.

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Expertise

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction & Infrastructure
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (Arbitration & Mediation)
- Bond Claims
- Conducting Mediations
- Construction Disputes
- Construction Insolvency
- Construction Insurance Coverage and Defence, including Professional Liability Coverage
- Construction Litigation
- Contract Disputes
- Deficiency Claims
- Delay and Loss of Productivity Claims
- Drafting and Negotiating Construction Contracts
- Drafting RFQs, RFPs, Tenders and Other Procurement Documents
- Enforcement of Securities, Asset and Debt Recovery
- Leaking Buildings Claims
- Lien Claims
- Mediation, Arbitration, Adjudication and Litigation of Construction Disputes
- Procurement/Tender Disputes
- Product Liability and Construction Materials-Related Claims
- Professional Liability and Negligence
- Professional Negligence Claims
- Risk Management, Project Delivery and Procurement Strategy
- Trust Claims

Industries

- Architecture and Engineering
- Construction
- Public Infrastructure

Education

B.A., York University (1982)
LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School (1985)

Called to the Ontario Bar, 1987

Awards

- Best Lawyers® Recognizes Eleven Pallett Valo Lawyers Across Multiple Practice Areas
- Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized in the Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure 2026
- Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized in the 2026 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- Best Lawyers™ Accolades for Twelve Pallett Valo Lawyers
- Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized in the 2025 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- Fourteen Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized by Best Lawyers®
- The 2024 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory Recognizes Four Pallett Valo Lawyers
- Best Lawyers™ Accolades for Eleven Pallett Valo Lawyers
- Another Pallett Valo Lawyer Certified as a Specialist by the Law Society of Ontario
- The 2023 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory Recognizes Four Pallett Valo Lawyers
- Seven Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized by Best Lawyers™
- Pallett Valo Lawyers Are Once Again Recognized in the 2022 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- Six Pallett Valo Lawyers Are Recognized in the 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers™ and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch™
- Three Pallett Valo Lawyers Are Once Again Recognized in the Annual Publishing Of the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- Four Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized by Best Lawyers®
- Three Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized in the 2020 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- Three Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized by Best Lawyers®
- Four Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized In The 2018 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- Four Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized in the 2019 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Memberships

- Member, Toronto Construction Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association

- Member, Peel Law Association

Publications

- Construction Disputes Belong in Mediation, Not a Courtroom May 2026
- Alternative Dispute Resolution in Construction: Collaborative Paths to Settlement November 2025
- 'We've Run Out of Options': Pallett Valo's Anna Esposito May 2025
- Mediating Construction Disputes – An Excellent ADR Choice October 2024
- Pallett Valo's Anna Esposito Was Made for Mediation May 2024
- Application of Construction Act Transition Rules in DNR Restoration Inc. v. Trac Developments Inc., 2023 ONSC 1849 – Importance of the "First" Contract May 2023
- Priority Contest between Liens and Building Mortgages: Court of Appeal Resolves Dispute over Interpretation of Section 78(2) of the Construction Act January 2023
- Prejudice to Innocent Third Parties Not an Absolute Bar to Rescission September 2022
- Construction Bits and Bites July 2022 – Lien Deadlines July 2022
- Court of Appeal Sends Crosstown LRT COVID-19 Decision Back for Rehearing March 2022
- Legal Notes: Suspension of Ontario Lien and Procedural Time Periods Lifted April 2020
- Emergency Order Suspending Limitation Periods Will No Longer Apply to Construction Act April 2020
- Legal Notes: Ontario Time Limitation Suspension Could Cause Industry Confusion March 2020
- Province Suspends Limitation Periods – Consequences for Construction Liens March 2020

Other Publications and Presentations

- Anna Esposito – Pallett Valo Women Leadership Interview
- Panelist, Decision Makers' Speak! View from the Bench, Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law – May 2026
- Panelist, Dispute Resolution, Key Trends & Negotiation Workshop, Decision Makers' Speak! View from the Bench, Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law – March 2025
- Panelist, Decision Makers' Speak! View from the Bench, Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law – November 2024
- Presenter, ADR Best Practices and Current Market Trends, Construction Law Symposium, Ontario Bar Association Construction and Infrastructure Law Program – September 2024
- Panelist, Decision Makers' Speak! View from the Bench, Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law Course – March 2024
- Panelist, Decision Makers' Speak! View from the Bench, Dispute Resolution, Trends and Saving the Troubled Project Mini-Workshop, Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law Course – March 2023
- Presenter, View of a Mediator, CPD Session, Pallett Valo – May 2022
- Presenter, To Lien or Not to Lien, 3rd Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario, Osgoode Continuing Education – April 2022
- Presenter, Overview of Ontario Construction Act, Credifax – April 2021
- Presenter, Back to the Basics and More, Construction Act, CanLegal – March 2021
- Presenter, To Lien or Not to Lien, 2nd Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario, Osgoode Continuing Education – February 2021
- Presenter, The "New" Construction Act Webinar, Pallett Valo Business Law Summit Series – September 2020

- Presenter, The “New” Construction Act, Construction Institute of Canada – June 2020
- Presenter, To Lien or Not to Lien? Legal and Strategic Considerations, Osgoode Professional Development – February 2020
- Presenter, The “New” Construction Act – An Overview of the Changes, The Construction Institute of Canada – June 2019
- Presenter, New Construction Act – In Force July 1, 2018! Understand the Changes Before It’s Too Late, The Construction Institute of Canada – July 2018
- Presenter, Changes to Ontario’s Construction Lien Act – the New Construction Act, Pallett Valo Business Law Summit Series – March 2018
- Presenter, Liens, Breach of Trust Bonds, Construction Liens, Trusts and Bonds Seminar, Construction Institute of Canada – April 2017
- Presenter, A Practical Approach to Multiple Collection Remedies, Navigating Everyday Construction Law Landmines: Best Practices for Smooth Digging Seminar, OBA Institute – February 2017

Recognition

- Certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Construction Law
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- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in Canada*™ annually since 2006 in the field of Construction Law

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