



“Adds value through practical advice and creative solutions.”

Catherine DiMarco

Partner

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Catherine DiMarco has nearly 20 years of construction and general civil litigation experience.

Certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a specialist in construction law, with a deep understanding of the industry, Catherine provides practical guidance on the pursuit or defence of claims, managing risks during contract negotiations, and assisting with project delivery plans.

When disputes arise, she represents different sectors of the construction industry on claims, or on the defence of claims. These sectors include owners, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, as well as design and engineering professionals.

Clients appreciate her ability to distill and prioritize key issues and salient facts that arise in complex construction disputes. Her practical and creative approach to dispute resolution is guided by both business drivers and legal remedies.

Catherine has also defended public authorities, including municipalities, in matters involving allegations of negligent design, supervision and inspection.

She regularly attends at the Superior Court of Justice and before arbitrators on a variety of construction and civil matters.

Catherine is recognized by the *Best Lawyers of Canada*™ as a leading lawyer in construction law and as a leading practitioner by The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory. In 2019, Catherine was selected to become a Fellow in the Construction Lawyers Society of America. The CLSA Fellowship is limited to 1,200 practicing lawyers worldwide, and Catherine's selection as a Fellow speaks directly to the depth of her experience and her accomplishments.

In addition, Catherine is the past-chair and executive member of the Ontario Bar Association Construction and Infrastructure Law Section, and a Member-At-Large of the Canadian Bar Association Construction and Infrastructure Law Section. Previously, she served as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Canadian Construction Association.

A frequent speaker at industry and client seminars, Catherine has also taught on construction law at the George Brown College School for Architectural Studies and Construction Management and Trades. Catherine is a former volunteer with ProBono

Ontario, assisting low-income Ontarians in addressing legal problems that interfere with their ability to lead secure, healthy, and

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Expertise

- Construction
- Commercial Litigation
- Bond Claims
- Construction Disputes
- Construction Insolvency
- Construction Insurance Coverage and Defence, including Professional Liability Coverage
- Construction Litigation
- Deficiency Claims
- Delay and Loss of Productivity Claims
- Lien Claims
- Mediation, Arbitration, Adjudication and Litigation of Construction Disputes
- Procurement/Tender Disputes
- Product Liability and Construction Materials-Related Claims
- Professional Negligence Claims
- Trust Claims

Industries

- Architecture and Engineering
- Construction
- Public Infrastructure

Education

LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School (2004)

LL.M., Osgoode Hall Law School (2021)

Certificate in Construction Law, Osgoode Hall Law School (2012)

Trinity College Dublin (First Class Hons.) (2004)

Canadian Aviation Institute (Hons.) (1992)

Called to the Ontario Bar, 2005

Awards

- 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
- Catherine DiMarco Appointed as a Regional Director for Ontario of the Society of Construction Law North America
- 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

Memberships

- Regional Director (Ontario), Society of Construction Lawyers North America
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Women's Executive Network
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association
- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member at Large, CBA Construction and Infrastructure Law Section Executive
- Past Chair, Ontario Bar Association, Construction and Infrastructure Law Section Executive
- Former Vice Chair and Executive Member, Ontario Bar Association, Construction and Infrastructure Law Section
- Past Executive Committee Member and Board Member, and past Vice-Chair, Manufacturers, Suppliers & Services Council, Canadian Construction Association
- Past Board Member Canadian Association of Women in Construction
- Past Member at Large, The Advocates' Society Construction Law Practice Group

Publications

- A Commentary on Adjudication Decisions Under the Construction Act January 2025
- Pallett Valo's Catherine DiMarco to Serve the Canadian Bar Association September 2024
- Pallett Valo Lawyers to Serve the Ontario Bar Association in 2024/2025 September 2024
- Navigating Lien Rights in Ontario's Modular Construction Landscape July 2024
- R. v. Greater Sudbury (City) and the Defence of Due Diligence March 2024
- Ledore Investments v. Dixon – the Importance of Procedural Fairness March 2024
- Six Pallett Valo Lawyers Elected to Serve the Ontario Bar Association in 2023/2024 August 2023
- New Partner, Catherine DiMarco, Joins Pallett Valo's Construction Law Practice October 2022

Other Publications and Presentations

- Panelist, Expert Panel: Legal Updates and Developments Impacting Construction Liens and Prompt Payment in Canada, Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law – March 2025

- Instructor, *The Construction Act: What's New and What's Happening?*, The 6th Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario, Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development – February 2025
- Panelist, Legal Updates and Developments Impacting Construction Liens and Prompt Payment in Canada, Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law – February 2025
- Speaker, The Year in Review, OBA Construction and Infrastructure Law Program – January 2025
- Speaker, Material Price Increases and Construction Contracts – How to Deal, Canadian Bar Association Construction and Infrastructure Law Section – December 2024
- Expert Panelist, Key Construction Liens and Prompt Payment Developments, Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law – November 2024
- Speaker, Beware of Legal Gaps and Conflicts: How to Manage Them Using Your Contracts & Subcontracts, 5th Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario, Osgoode Hall Law School – February 2024
- Instructor, Bidding, Tendering, Liens and Claims, National Edition Fall 2023 Program, Osgoode Certificate in Construction Law – November 2023
- Speaker, Session 1, Cross-Canada Check In, CBA Construction and Infrastructure Law Conference – October 2023
- Speaker, Risk Management for Auditors for Construction Contracts and in Construction Litigation, Municipal Internal Auditors Association Fall Workshop and Conference – October 2022
- Speaker, Managing Construction Liens in Ontario: Managing Legal Gaps and Conflicts in Contracts and Subcontracts, Osgoode Hall Professional Development Seminar – May 2022
- Co-Chair, Evening with the Construction Bench, Ontario Bar Association Construction and Infrastructure Law Section – May 2, 2022
- Speaker, Construction Liens in Ontario: Managing Legal Gaps and Conflicts in Contracts and Subcontracts, 3rd Annual Legal Guide to Managing Construction Liens in Ontario, Osgoode Hall Law School – April 2022
- Speaker, Ontario's New Regime for Excess Soil in Construction, Ontario Bar Association Construction and Infrastructure Law Section – December 2021
- Program Moderator, Trends in Construction Arbitrations, The Advocates' Society – November 2021
- Co-Chair, Where the Rubber Hits the Road: Potential Pitfalls along the Road to applying the New Construction Act, Ontario Bar Association – March 2021
- Speaker, Construction Act Prompt Payment and Adjudication, Ontario Association of Architects – December 2020
- Speaker, Construction Law Primer, Ontario Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division – November 2020
- Goodbye Paper, Hello Technology, Heal & Co. Newsletter – October 2020
- Speaker, Discerning the Role of Subtrades in the Construction Act- Managing Risk in Construction Contracts and Projects, The Canadian Institute – July 2020
- Speaker, Building Your Full Circle Leadership", Toronto Lawyers' Association Women In Law Program – May 2020
- Speaker, Coming out of COVID – Litigation in the New Normal, The Advocates' Society – May 2020
- Physical Damage as a Trigger for Insurance Coverage, Heal & Co. Newsletter – May 2020
- Government Clarified Exclusion of Construction Act Deadlines from Emergency Order, Heal & Co. Newsletter – May 2020
- Speaker, Managing Insurance Coverage and Claims for Losses Arising from the Pandemic, Canadian Construction Association – April 2020

Recognition

- Certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Construction Law
- Recognized as a Leading Practitioner in the area of Construction Law by The Canadian Legal LEXPERT Directory

- Selected by peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers of Canada*™ annually since 2021 in the field of Construction Law
- Fellow, Construction Lawyers' Society of America

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