

What's New at Pallett Valo LLP

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Pallett Valo turns 70 amidst our Dynamic Expansion

It has been a busy and stellar year for Pallett Valo. Not only did we celebrate our 70th anniversary, we greatly expanded our team of talented lawyers, received Canada-wide recognition for our rising stars and in-depth expertise, expanded our international connectivity by joining Geneva Group International, initiated our PV Women's Network, opened new satellite offices and started our new *What's Trending* blog.

Giving back to the community is a long standing tradition at Pallett Valo. Since our founding in 1948, Pallett Valo has partnered with many not-for-profit organizations, charity groups and community agencies, connecting to our community. In honour of our 70th anniversary, we participated in United Way's Fall Days of Caring Program, allowing all of our employees the opportunity to volunteer for one of the various community organizations partnering with United Way on this initiative.

Introducing our Newest Partners and Lawyers

As the largest law firm in Peel Region, Pallett Valo LLP continues to focus on our growth in order to serve our clients. We are pleased to announce:



Matthew Kindree was welcomed as a Partner in our Business Law Practice. Matt practices and has extensive expertise in the areas of banking and finance, financial services, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and corporate reorganizations and restructurings. Matt was honoured in 2018 as a *Expert Rising Star: Leading Lawyers Under 40*.



Marc D. Whiteley, a member of our firm's Commercial Litigation Practice and the Estate Litigation Group, is our newest Partner. Marc handles a wide range of complex litigation matters including real estate/property and contract disputes, estate litigation, construction litigation, administrative law, injunctions, fraud, debt recovery and appeals.



Harjot Atwal joined the firm as a Lawyer in our Commercial Real Estate Practice. Harjot has 2 years of experience and is concentrating on commercial real estate transactions and land development matters.



Ann A. Hatsios joined the firm as a Lawyer in our Construction Practice. Ann brings 9 years of wide-ranging experience in commercial litigation, with a focus on construction litigation.



Andreea Muth joined the firm as a Lawyer in our Business Law Practice. Andreea has 3 years of business law experience in various industries, including medical, manufacturing and service companies.



Ori Rubin joined the firm as a Lawyer in our Wills, Estates & Trusts Practice. Ori brings a breadth of experience in advising clients in estate matters and providing them with a customized estate plan to meet individual needs.

Four Pallett Valo Lawyers Recognized in the 2018 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Pallett Valo lawyers continue to be recognized as leaders in their fields. We are thrilled and congratulate our colleagues on their continued excellence:



Anna Esposito was recognized as a *Leading Practitioner* in the area of Construction Law. Anna has also been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in Canada* in the field of Construction Litigation for the 13th consecutive year.



Craig Ross was recognized as a *Leading Practitioner* in the area of Estate and Tax Planning. For the 4th consecutive year, Craig has also been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in Canada* in the field of Trusts and Estates.



Maria Ruberto was recognized as a *Leading Practitioner* in the area of Construction Law. Maria is a Partner and heads up Pallett Valo's Construction Practice.



Marc D. Whiteley was recognized as a *Lawyer to Watch* in the area of Litigation – Corporate Commercial. Marc is a Partner in the Commercial Litigation Practice and the Estate Litigation Group.

Expanding our international connectivity by joining Geneva Group International (GGI)

We are pleased to announce that we have joined Geneva Group International (GGI), the global alliance of independent professional firms. This alliance covers organizations in the Audit, Tax, Legal and Advisory fields and offers Pallett Valo the opportunity to expand its footprint internationally.

With GGI having representation in over 120 countries, and a membership of over 580 organizations, this alliance is a perfect fit for Pallett Valo. In our rapidly changing business environment, having experienced, trusted advisors in numerous jurisdictions around the world provides a real and important advantage to clients looking to close deals internationally.

Supporting Women in Business – The PV Women's Network

We are so proud of our new initiative, the PV Women's Network, designed to support the business, professional and personal success of women in our community. We kicked off our first networking and professional development event, the PV Women's Network Speaker Series, with Canadian Olympian Elizabeth Manley. We look forward to our upcoming events in 2019. Sign up to join our PV Women's Network mailing list on our website, attend one of our upcoming events, or contact us directly for more information.

Expanding our Reach – Pallett Valo opens two Satellite Offices

In order to further serve our clients, we opened two new offices, expanding our reach across the Greater Toronto Region. Pallett Valo lawyers can now meet clients by appointment at our downtown Toronto location in the Financial District, and north of Toronto at our Vaughan location.

Keeping You Informed – our new *What's Trending* blog

This summer, Pallett Valo started our *What's Trending* blog, bringing our clients updates on current legal issues that affect your business, such as Bill 47, the New *Making Ontario Open for Business Act, 2018* and the latest Cannabis Legislation.