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Expertise

- o Municipal, Planning & Environmental
- o Aboriginal
- o Construction
- o Hospitality
- o Mining
- o Real Estate & Development
- o Universities & Colleges
- o Regulatory

Biography

Raivo Uukkivi* is a partner in the Municipal, Planning & Environment Group at Cassels. Raivo acts for a broad range of private and public sector clients. Raivo advises on decisions or actions that are impacted by municipal law or otherwise arise from the development, use and ownership of land. This includes all aspects of the land use planning and development process from the solicitors' work involved in the commencement of an approvals process through to any litigation or controversy that arises from the process. Raivo is also frequently involved in property and title disputes, environmental approvals and disputes, green energy project approvals and controversy, municipal by-law challenges, municipal conflicts of interest matters, elections disputes, municipal taxation, archaeological matters and freedom of information requests. He is regularly engaged in construction- and infrastructure-related litigation, specializing in matters involving municipalities.

Raivo is a trial and hearing lawyer that frequently appears before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal and has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario including the Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal. Recognizing that controversy is frequently resolved outside of the courts through mediation and arbitration, Raivo is a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario and has a certificate in Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution. He is also a member of Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and the Urban Land Institute (ULI).

Raivo has been recognized by *Lexpert* as a lawyer to watch for his expertise in environmental law and recognized as a leader in zoning law by *Chambers Canada* which notes that he is "commended for his business-minded and practical approach."

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Achievements

- o *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Environmental Law) (2017)
- o *Chambers Canada* (Real Estate: Zoning)
- o *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada* (Lawyer to Watch) (2017)
- o *Niagara Moot Competition*, Best Oral Argument and Second place Overall

Client Commentary

- o "Commended for his business-minded and practical approach, as well as his ability to build strong relationships." – *Chambers Canada (Real Estate: Zoning)*

Recent Representative Work

- o Cassels Successfully Defends Application Judgment for the Township of Coleman in the Court of Appeal
- o Cassels Acts for the Majority Shareholder in the \$75.75 Million Purchase of the Edwards Hotel (Markham) and the Edwards Hotel (North York)
- o Cassels Acts for the Purchaser of a \$50 Million Development Parcel in Stouffville

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- Hotel 550 Wellington LP Completes Sale of the Thompson Hotel Toronto
- Cassels Successful in Appeal Regarding Town Official Plan and Zoning By-Laws

Insights

- Government Looking for Balance: Changes to the Environmental Approvals Process

Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B., Western University, 2003
- B.A. (Hons) (with Distinction), Western University, 2000
- Ontario, 2004

Associations

- Advocates' Society
- Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD)
- Ontario Bar Association, Member, Aboriginal Law Section Executive
- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Urban Land Institute