



## Christie E. Gibson

Partner

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### Expertise

- Municipal, Planning & Environmental
- Real Estate & Development

### Biography

Christie Gibson is a partner in the Municipal, Planning & Environmental Law Group at Cassels. Christie's practice focuses on land use planning law, but also encompasses all aspects of municipal and environmental law, including tax assessment appeals and expropriations. Her experience includes representing public and private sector clients before the Ontario Land Tribunal (formerly, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, formerly the Ontario Municipal Board), and she has also appeared before the courts. For her work, Christie is consistently recognized by *Best Lawyers* as "One to Watch" in Municipal law and Real Estate law.

In addition to her law practice, Christie serves as Past-Chair on the Ontario Bar Association's Municipal Law Executive, having previously served on the executive in the roles of Chair, Vice-Chair, newsletter editor, and at-large member since 2016. She has also served on the Canadian Bar Association's Municipal Law Executive. She also serves as Co-Vice Chair of the board of the United World Colleges Canadian National Committee and gives back to her *alma maters* through the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network, Cornell University new student welcome events, and volunteering with the Osgoode Women's Network as a mentor. Christie serves on the steering committee for the Cambridge Forum on Land Use Planning: The Emerging Leaders, and is an active member of BILD and ULI (former chair of the ULI Toronto Mentorship Program and steering committee member of WLI). She also has recently completed a term on Cassels' Women's Advancement, Voices and Equity Committee.

Prior to joining Cassels, Christie worked with a boutique urban planning law firm in Toronto practising in the area of development/land use planning, property tax assessment, expropriation and municipal law. Prior to her call to the bar, Christie summered and articulated with a large international full-service firm in Toronto. Christie obtained a B.A. in Economics from Cornell University in 2010, a J.D. from Osgoode Hall Law School in 2013, and a Women in Leadership Certificate from Cornell University's SC Johnson College of Business in 2019. Prior to university, Christie studied in Alberta, India, and Australia.

Christie has guest lectured at the University of Waterloo School of

Planning and the Toronto Metropolitan University School of Urban and Regional Planning.

## Achievements

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* (Municipal Law; Real Estate Law)

## Insights

- More Homes Built Faster Act (Bill 23) Receives Royal Assent: What's Changed and What's In Force
- Planning Regime Shake-Up: What the Proposed Changes in the More Homes Built Faster Act Mean for You
- Six Things You Need To Know About the New Community Benefits Charge Regime: 4% Cap, Two Years to Implement, and More

## Pro Bono & Community Involvement

- Ontario Bar Association, Past-Chair, Municipal Law Executive (Former: Chair, Vice-Chair, Newsletter Editor, Member-at-Large) (2016-current)
- Canadian Bar Association, Ontario Representative, Municipal Law Executive (2022-2023)
- Cambridge Forum on Land Use Planning: The Emerging Leaders, Steering Committee Member (2020-current)
- Urban Land Institute, Toronto Mentorship Program, Steering Committee Chair (2018-2019) and Past-Chair (2019-2023); Women's Leadership Initiative, Steering Committee Member (2020-2022)
- UWC National Committee of Canada, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, Past Chair of the Promotions & Partnerships Committee, Past Member at Large (2016-current)

## Education / Bar Admissions

- Women in Leadership Certificate (Cornell University, SC Johnson College of Business), 2019
- J.D., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2013
- B.A. (Economics), Cornell University, 2010
- Mahindra United World College of India, 2006

- Ontario, 2014

## **Associations**

- Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD)
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association