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Expertise

- Municipal, Planning & Environmental
- Universities & Colleges
- Real Estate & Development
- Regulatory
- NEW Life Sciences

Biography

Adrianna Pilkington (she/her/hers) is a partner in the Municipal, Planning & Environmental Law Group at Cassels. Adrianna's practice encompasses all aspects of municipal, land use planning, and environmental law. Adrianna works on complex development projects, legislation and policy development and advocacy, and large multi-jurisdiction deals with land and resource issues. She acts for private, public, institutional, and industry association clients. Adrianna drafts and negotiates agreements, including development, site plan, subdivision, municipal infrastructure, encroachment, project, allocation, section 37, section 111, and environmental agreements, prepares development applications, and obtains development approvals. She represents clients before the Ontario Land Tribunal (formerly, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, formerly the Ontario Municipal Board), Assessment Review Board, Committees of Adjustment, Information and Privacy Commissioner, and the courts and in mediation and arbitration proceedings.

Examples of Adrianna's work include:

- Advising on and negotiating municipal development agreements, including subdivision agreements, building permit and development charge agreements, and development approvals, including zoning and official plan amendments, variances, consents, and site plan approvals and site permits
- Advising on the redevelopment of contaminated lands
- Advising on environmental approvals and instruments, environmental assessment requirements, environmental due diligence, and environmental compliance
- Providing advice related to dealings with municipalities, including with respect to access to information, building code issues, by-law compliance, development charges, heritage matters, and procurement
- Providing advice on access to information, procurement, cost sharing, green energy, survey and boundary issues, and more generally matters of administrative law, development charges, and constitutional issues
- Representing public and private sector clients before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

- Representing clients in disputes involving land, including before the courts and in mediation or arbitration proceedings
- Acting as defence counsel with respect to provincial offences charges
- Conducting prosecutions on behalf of municipal clients related to contraventions of the *Building Code Act, 1992*, the *Planning Act*, the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, and municipal by-laws
- Representing clients on property tax assessment appeals before the Assessment Review Board and the courts

Achievements

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Municipal Law)

Recent Representative Work

- Ferguson Completes Acquisition of FloWorks
- EnerPure Completes US$35 Million Series A Financing
- Riverside Acquires CityReporter
- Davies Agrees to Acquire SCM
- True North Acquires Smiles on 5

Insights

- “Major” FAQs about Toronto Transit Station Development Policies: Ontario Approves 120 PMTSAs and MTSAs in the City
- Spring Forward: Ontario’s Push for Development – Streamlining Planning, Enhancing Transit Infrastructure with Bill 17 and Other Measures this Spring 2025
- Downtown Toronto Hospital Flightpath MZO Remains in Force

Pro Bono & Community Involvement

- Theatre Gargantua, Board of Directors
- Mentor with First Generation Network, JurisMentor, and Urban Land Institute Toronto (2018-2019)

Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B. (cum laude), University of Ottawa, 2009
- B.E.S. (Honours), Dean’s Honours List, University of

Waterloo, 2006

- Ontario, 2010

Associations

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