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Biography

The Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino is Senior Counsel at Cassels, serving as a Strategic Advisor to the firm. A former federal prosecutor, Cabinet Minister, and Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Mark Carney, he brings two decades of leadership in the law, government and public policy.

Mr. Mendicino led the Prime Minister's Office through a national election and one of the most significant transitions of government in recent decades, advancing major projects legislation, working with Premiers and Indigenous leaders, and closely advising the Prime Minister while at the White House, NATO, and G7.

Elected three times as the Member of Parliament for Eglinton–Lawrence, Mr. Mendicino served in Cabinet as Minister of Immigration and Minister of Public Safety and chaired the Five Eyes on behalf of Canada.

A Senior Fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School, he contributes to national conversations on governance and the rule of law, and frequently appears in the media as a commentator.

Recent Representative Work

- Cassels Advises on Landmark Canada–Korea Defence Manufacturing Partnership

Insights

- Bill C-39: Building Canada Strong Act Proposes Major Changes to Project Approvals, Trade Infrastructure, and Federal Labour Relations
- Canada's Investment Summit is Not Just About Capital – It's About Execution
- Canada Announces New Counter-Tariffs and Support Measures Following US Tariff Actions

Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B., University of Windsor, 2001
- B.A., Carleton University, 1997

- Ontario, 2002