



## BE PART OF CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The Canadian Law Awards returns for its second year to recognize the nation's leading law firms, in-house legal teams, individuals, deals and cases. It's a true reflection of excellence in the legal profession over the past year.

The Canadian Law Awards is brought to you by Key Media, the organizers of a variety of Awards ceremonies across Canada, where hundreds of professionals gather annually, in person or virtually, to acknowledge the best professionals across the nation. We are proud to continue our tradition by celebrating legal excellence.

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### **Showcase and take stock of your achievements over the past year**

Leading firms, in-house legal teams, and lawyers are encouraged to nominate across 26 categories and be recognized for their significant work and achievements over the past year. Submissions will be reviewed by an esteemed judging panel comprised of more than 70 judges.



### **Stand out and raise your profile with national media coverage**

Winners and finalists will be announced in *Lexpert* and supporting publications. They will also be profiled in our thought-leadership content and involved in industry events throughout the year. Winners will be profiled in the annual *Lexpert* Special Edition on the Canadian Law Awards.



### **Submit with ease**

New for 2021, the revamped nomination process allows for a well-rounded awards journey. In a nutshell, the nomination form asks a series of targeted questions, based on the criteria, which are to be answered concisely (also acceptable in dot point form). If selected as a finalist this is the information that will be forwarded to the judges to review and vote on excellence. There is no secondary step to submit additional information.



### **Salute your team, colleagues and partners in style**

Sharing the news of this prestigious recognition is a great way to boost team morale and acknowledge your collective effort and hard work. You can celebrate with your peers at the virtual awards on May 20, 2021.



### **Meet the movers and shakers across the profession**

The Canadian Law Awards continue *Lexpert's* and *Canadian Lawyer's* long-standing tradition of recognizing legal excellence in an exciting new format, bringing together firms, in-house legal teams and industry leaders to celebrate.

*"Very much enjoyed being part of the Canadian Law Awards. Participating in the judging enhanced my pride in our profession and our colleagues. Congratulations on a great process and event!"*— **Founder, Women General Counsel Canada**

To nominate or learn more, visit [www.lawawards.ca](http://www.lawawards.ca) or email [events@keymedia.com](mailto:events@keymedia.com)

# AWARD CATEGORIES

## DEALS & CASES

- Capital Markets Deal of the Year
- Infrastructure & Projects Deal of the Year
- Insolvency & Restructuring Deal of the Year
- M&A Deal of the Year
- Mid-Market Deal of the Year
- Class Action Team of the Year
- Commercial Litigation Team of the Year

## FIRMS

- Atlantic Canada Law Firm of the Year
- Ontario Law Firm of the Year
- Prairies Law Firm of the Year
- Quebec Law Firm of the Year
- Western Canada Law Firm of the Year
- IP Boutique Law Firm of the Year
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution Boutique Law Firm of the Year
- Best Use of Technology in a Law Firm
- Litigator of the Year
- Managing Partner of the Year

## IN-HOUSE

- Banking & Financial Institutions Law Department of the Year
- Construction, Infrastructure & Transportation Law Department of the Year
- Energy & Resources Law Department of the Year
- Canadian Law Department of the Year
- Law Department Leader of the Year
- Law Department Innovation Award

## LEGAL PROFESSION

- Female Trailblazer of the Year
- Diversity Initiative of the Year
- Pro Bono Initiative of the Year

# PROCESS



### Stage 1 Nominations

Members of the legal profession are invited to nominate the most outstanding firms, in-house teams, and individuals based on their performance and achievements during calendar year 2020; and the most significant deals their firms or companies have completed during calendar year 2020. Nominations close on **Feb. 5, 2021 11:59 EST**.  
**NOTE: New for 2021** - Firms are required to nominate Deals via the Canadian Law Awards online nominations portal to be considered.



### Stage 2 Research

The Canadian Law Awards team will conduct research and draw on industry knowledge and information gained through *Lexpert*, *Canadian Lawyer* and *InHouse* to supplement and support nominations received. Finalists will be determined from both pools of information.



### Stage 3 Finalists

Finalists will be selected in each category and announced on the Canadian Law Awards website, *Lexpert* and supporting publications.



### Stage 4 Judging

The Canadian Law Awards team will provide full details of each finalist and each shortlisted deal/case to an independent panel of judges. The panel will assess and provide each finalist with a score according to the relevant category criteria (such as size, complexity, breadth and innovation for Deals categories).



### Stage 5 Winners

Using a simple points system to aggregate judges' scores, the finalist with the highest score in each category will win. Winners will be announced at the virtual awards on May 20, 2021 and published on the Canadian Law Awards website. They will also be featured in extensive profile-raising media coverage, including the annual *Lexpert* Special edition on the Canadian Law Awards.