

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

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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.