

## CRAWFORD SMITH

T 416 598 8648

F 416 598 3730

E csmith@lolg.ca

Crawford is a smart and courageous courtroom advocate recognized as a "litigation star" and a "leading litigation lawyer" by Chambers, Benchmark and Lexpert. He has built effective relationships with clients, judges and opposing counsel in order to achieve results in a wide range of corporate and commercial disputes. Clients appreciate his ability to take strong positions and market commentators say, "He stands out as an excellent litigator of extremely good reputation."



Crawford's litigation practice focuses on corporate and commercial matters, energy regulatory proceedings and securities and competition litigation, as well as public and administrative law. Crawford has substantial class action expertise. He has appeared as counsel in all levels of court in Ontario, in the Supreme Court of Canada, in the Federal Court, in commercial arbitrations, and before a variety of administrative tribunals including the Ontario Energy Board, the Ontario Securities Commission, the Competition Tribunal and the Environmental Review Tribunal.

Crawford's energy practice involves economic issues in multi-party litigation and frequent appearances as counsel before the Energy Board at hearings regarding rate regulation, infrastructure development and demandside management. Crawford's securities broker/dealer practice includes acting as counsel for investment dealers, mutual fund dealers, registered representatives and other securities industry participants. He also handles regulatory proceedings and investigations by the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada and the Ontario Securities Commission.

### Credentials

- Called to the Ontario Bar, 1999
- LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1997
- B.Comm. (with Honours), Queen's University, 1994

### Recognition

- The Best Lawyers™ in Canada, 2021: Corporate and Commercial Litigation; Director and Officer Liability Practice; Energy Regulatory Law

- Canadian Lexpert® Directory, 2020: Electricity; Litigation - Corporate Commercial; Litigation - Securities; Oil & Gas
- Benchmark Litigation Star, 2020: Dispute Resolution, Securities Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Class Actions
- Chambers Canada 2020: Band 2, Energy: Provincial Regulatory (Ontario); Band 3 - Litigation: General Commercial (Ontario)
- The Best Lawyers™ in Canada, 2020: Corporate and Commercial Litigation; Energy Regulatory Law
- Benchmark Litigation, 2019: Top 50 Trial Lawyer in Canada
- Benchmark Litigation Star, 2019: Class Action, Commercial Litigation, Securities
- Best Lawyers in Canada, 2019: Corporate and Commercial Litigation; and Energy Regulatory Law
- Canadian Lexpert® Directory, 2019: Energy (Electricity), Energy (Oil & Gas), Litigation - Corporate Commercial
- Benchmark Litigation Star, 2018: Class Actions, Commercial Litigation, Securities
- Chambers Canada, 2019: Energy - Power (Regulatory); Litigation, Ontario; Energy - Provincial Regulatory, Ontario
- Best Lawyers in Canada, 2019: Corporate and Commercial Litigation; and Energy Regulatory Law
- Best Lawyers in Canada, 2018: Energy Regulatory Law
- Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, 2018: Energy (Electricity); Litigation-Securities; Energy (Oil & Gas); and Litigation- Directors' & Officers' Liability
- Chambers Canada, 2018: Energy - Power (Regulatory); Litigation, Ontario; Energy - Provincial Regulatory, Ontario
- Best Lawyers in Canada, 2017: Energy Regulatory Law
- Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, 2017 - Energy (Electricity), Litigation-Securities, Energy -Oil & Gas; and Litigation - Directors' & Officers' Liability
- Chambers Canada, 2017: Energy - Power (Regulatory); Litigation, Ontario
- Best Lawyers in Canada, 2016: Energy Regulatory Law
- Chambers Canada, 2016: Energy - Power (Regulatory); Litigation, Ontario
- Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, 2016: Energy - Electricity; Litigation-Securities; Energy -Oil & Gas; and Litigation - Directors' & Officers' Liability
- Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, 2015: Energy - Electricity; Litigation - Securities; Energy - Oil & Gas; and Litigation -Directors' & Officers' Liability
- Chambers Global, 2015: Dispute Resolution, Ontario
- Benchmark Canada, 2014: Future Star
- Best Lawyers in Canada, 2014: Energy Regulatory Law
- Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, 2014: Energy - Electricity; Litigation-Securities; Energy - Oil & Gas; and Litigation -Directors' & Officers' Liability
- Benchmark Canada, 2013: Litigation Star - Arbitration, Intellectual Property, Class Actions
- Best Lawyers in Canada, 2013: Energy Regulatory Law
- Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, 2013: Energy - Electricity; Litigation-Securities; Energy - Oil & Gas
- Benchmark Canada, 2012: Litigation Star - Class Actions, Professional Liability and Securities

- Best Lawyers in Canada, 2012: Energy Regulatory Law
- Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, 2012 - Energy (Electricity), Litigation-Securities
- Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-border Litigation Lawyers in Canada, 2012: Canadian Litigator to Watch
- Best Lawyers in Canada, 2006 - 2011: Energy Regulatory Law

### **Community Involvement & Associations**

- Past Director, The Advocates' Society
- Past Chair, Standing Committee on Advocacy and Practice (The Advocates' Society)
- St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, Fall Classic Committee