

CHRISTINA KOBI*



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Christina Kobi, the chair of McMillan's Leasing Practice Group, is a highly respected lawyer in Canada in the area of commercial leasing transactions, with over 26 years of experience acting for developers, landlords, tenants and property managers throughout Canada.

Christina has expertise in drafting and negotiating all types of commercial lease documentation for various properties including retail, office, industrial, and multi-use. She is also frequently called upon for lease interpretations and opinions, as well as strategic guidance on landlord-tenant disputes.

Christina prides herself on being highly responsive to her client's needs and finding creative solutions to overcome roadblocks.

Based in Toronto but working with a national scope, Christina regularly assists with leasing matters in all Canadian provinces, including Québec.

Christina is a frequent contributor to industry and legal publications. She has written and lectured extensively on various topics for the Law Society of Ontario, the Canadian Bar Association, Federated Press and ICSC Law Conferences.

Christina is currently the Chair of the 2024 ICSC+Canadian Law Conference after serving as Vice-Chair of the 2023 ICSC+Canadian Law Conference. She was a past Director of Toronto CREW (Toronto Commercial Real Estate Women's Association) and Co-Chair of the 2010 and 2011 ICSC+Canadian Law Conferences.

Christina has been a member of the Ontario bar since 1997. She received her Honours Bachelor of Science from Trinity College, University of Toronto, in 1992.

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Expertise: Leasing, Commercial Real Estate

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Position/Title: Partner, Commercial Leasing

Community Involvement:

- *Champion Director of the CREW Network Foundation, the philanthropic arm of CREW Network, from 2015-2016 and then part of the foundation's Canadian subcommittee in 2017-2018*

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Member and Vice-Chair, Planning Committee, ICSC Canadian Convention (2023 (Vice-Chair), 2022, 2019, 2018)
- Practical Law Canada, Commercial Real Estate Advisory Board (2019)
- Member and Mentor, Toronto Commercial Real Estate Women, Toronto CREW
- Member, Canadian subcommittee of the CREW Network Foundation (2017-2018)
- Champion Director of the CREW Network Foundation (2015-2016)

- Board of Directors, Toronto CREW (2011-2013)
- Co-Chair, Breakfast Roundtables ICSC Canadian Law Conferences (2006-2009)
- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Ontario
- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)
- The Meritas Women's Leadership Congress

Publications:

- "The Distress Process," co-authored with Sheldon Disenhouse as the second chapter in "Distress: A Commercial Landlord's Remedy" second edition by Harvey M. Haber, Q.C., J.D., LSM, H. and Robert D. Malen, *Carswell*, 2021.

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the Ontario Bar

Year: 1997

Degree: LLB

University: University of Toronto,

Year: 1995

Degree: Honours Bachelor of Science (Quantitative Methods and Commerce)

University: University of Toronto, Trinity College

Year: 1992

Rankings & Recognition:

- Recognized in the 2024 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Most Frequently Recommended Lawyer in the area of Property Leasing
- Recognized in the 2024 Lexpert/ALM500 Guide as a leading lawyer in the area of Property Leasing
- Recognized by Best Lawyers Canada as a leading lawyer in Commercial Leasing Law (2017-2023)
- Recognized in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as Consistently Recommended in the area of Property Leasing
- Recognized in the Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada as "Most"

Frequently Recommended” for Property Leasing

- Recipient of the 2014 Lexpert Zenith Award for demonstrating excellence and thought leadership in an area of practice that have set new standards for the profession

Speaking Engagements:

- Speaker, Issues of Concern When Acting for Tenants Leasing Commercial/Retail CondominiumsI, The Eight Minutes Commercial Leasing Lawyer
- February 28, 2024

Industries: Food, Beverage & Agribusiness

Practices: Leasing, Commercial Real Estate