

MERVYN ALLEN



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Mervyn (Merv) Allen practises commercial real estate law, advising on a wide range of complex real property matters. He provides counsel on acquisitions, divestitures and leasing transactions in the retail, office, industrial, warehousing, specialty leasing, restaurant, automotive, shopping centre, gaming and retirement home sectors.

Representing business organizations of varied size and scope, Merv assists landlords, tenants, entrepreneurs, pension funds, banks, universities, developers, joint ventures as well as franchisors and franchisees. He also has significant experience in drafting franchising disclosure documents, and in the leasing and sub-leasing of space in the franchising context.

Prior to joining McMillan, Merv worked as in-house legal counsel for one of the world's largest quick service restaurant brands; for an international developer, owner and manager of commercial real estate; and for one of Canada's largest grocery retailers. He also practised corporate / commercial law at another national law firm.

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Expertise: Commercial Real Estate, Leasing, Franchising & Distribution, Gaming

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Position/Title: Partner, Commercial Real Estate | Leasing

Community Involvement:

- Operation Smile

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- International Council of Shopping Centres
- Canadian Association of Black Lawyers

Publications:

- "[Franchising in Canada: 2022 Year in Review](#)," (January 2023)
- "[Vaccine Mandates by Commercial Landlords: Are They Permitted and What are the Risks?](#)" Ontario Real Estate Law Developments (February 2022)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the Ontario bar

Year: 1999

Degree: LLB

University: University of Western Ontario

Year: 1997

Media Mentions:

- Inspiring Greatness podcast

Rankings & Recognition:

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in Canada (2024) as a leading lawyer in the area of Commercial Leasing Law and Real Estate Law
- Recognized in the 2023 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Property Leasing
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in Canada (2023) as a leading lawyer in the area of Commercial Leasing Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in Canada (2022) as a leading lawyer in the area of Commercial Leasing Law

Speaking Engagements:

- The International Council of Shopping Centres Law Conference

- Informa (Real Estate Conference)

- The Six Minute Commercial Leasing Lawyer program

- The Canadian Franchise Association Law Day Conference

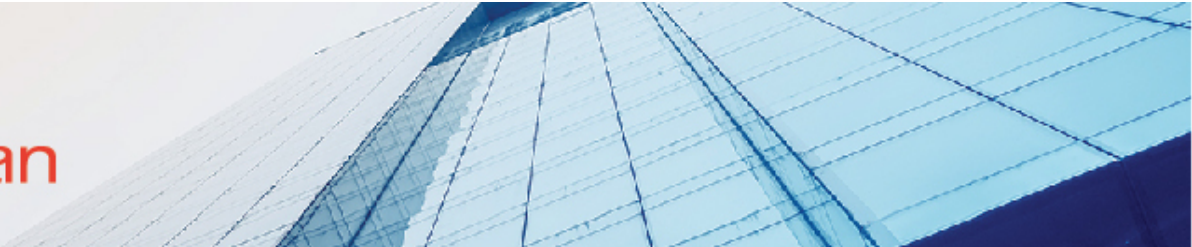
Representative Matters:

- Senior Counsel to McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited
- Senior Counsel to Ivanhoé Cambridge
- Counsel to First Capital Realty
- Counsel to Metro Ontario Inc.

Teaching Engagements:

- Taught securities law in Osgoode Hall Law Schools' continuing education programme "From IP to IPO"

Industries: Franchising & Distribution, Gaming



Practices: Commercial Real Estate, Leasing