

## Canadian Lobbyist Registration and Legal Compliance: 2021 Update

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Guy Giorno leads the firm's Political Law practice. He advises clients on lobbyist registration, government accountability and ethics, public-sector conflict of interest and government procurement.

Former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Canada, Guy remains an active, influential force in shaping lobbyist registration laws in Canada. Widely recognized as Canada's leading expert in lobbying law, Guy regularly represents corporate executives and lobbyists in enforcement proceedings, and guides companies and organizations to adopt strategies and policies to ensure political law compliance. He has testified on lobbying law and government ethics before parliamentary and legislative committees, has been consulted by several provinces on the design of their lobbyist registries, and previously served as Lobbyist Registrar for Brampton, Canada's ninth largest city.

Though representing public-sector institutions (respondents) in freedom of information appeals throughout the 1990s, Guy now focuses on compliance and best practices. In addition, he also helps requesters to exercise their rights to obtain government records under freedom of information access to information legislation.

An active, non-partisan advocate for government transparency, lobbying ethics and electoral reform, Guy has been appointed as the integrity commissioner (responsible for administering government ethics rules) in the Ontario municipalities of Durham Region, Renfrew County, Wellington County, Adjala-Tosorontio, Brock, Centre Wellington, Clarington, Deep River, Dryden, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Greater Madawaska, Guelph/Eramosa, Madawaska Valley, Mapleton, Melancthon, Minto, Mono, North Algona Wilberforce, North Bay, Oshawa, Peterborough, Pickering, Puslinch, Scugog, Shelburne, Uxbridge, Wellington North and Whitby.

Guy's writing skills have been recognized in two separate Ovation Awards, conferred by the International Association of Business Communicators (Toronto). Frequently appearing in leading business media outlets, including *CBC News, The Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star* and *The Hill Times*, Guy is the co-author of the legal text *Lobbying in Canada* and former Chair of the "Law of Lobbying and Ethics" committee of the Canadian Bar Association.



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Environmental | Corporate Social Responsibility | Indigenous Law | Political Law | Election and Election Finance | Lobbyist Registration and Lobbying Law | Public Sector Conflict of Interest Law | ESG and Sustainability | Mining | Energy | Climate Change | China

#### Education

2016, Certificate, Mining Law, Osgoode Hall Law School at York University

2012, BCL / LLB, McGill University

2007, BA, International Relations & International Law, Université du Québec à Montréal

#### Jurisdiction

Quebec, 2012

#### Languages

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Emilie Bundock is a member of the firm's Global Energy, Mining and Indigenous Law Practice Groups. Her practice focuses primarily on energy and natural resources development projects and on environmental law. She also advises clients on matters relating to Indigenous law, such as consultation and drafting and negotiating agreements with Indigenous communities. Over the years, she has developed an expertise in ethics and lobbying law and on various issues relating to corporate social responsibility.

Clients who develop projects in the energy and natural resources sectors often rely on Emilie's advice regarding environmental regulatory requirements and approval processes and on best practices relating to stakeholders engagement, including Indigenous communities.

Emilie also regularly advises clients regarding corporate ethics and lobbying and represents them during verification and investigation processes.

Finally, Emilie has also developed an expertise in climate change law and in carbon trading systems, including in the Québec-California cap-and-trade system and the marketing of environmental attributes. She regularly advises clients involved in transactions that include greenhouse gas emission units and environmental attributes, both on the regulated and voluntary markets.



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Kai Olson practices in the area of political law and advises clients on lobbying law, lobbyist registration and compliance and public-sector conflict of interest matters.

In addition to assisting clients navigate compliance risks and advising on appropriate compliance measures, Kai also acts for clients who are the subjects of regulatory investigations or enforcement proceedings for political law offences.

Kai has a background in regulatory law and compliance, and administrative law. Prior to joining Fasken, Kai was a litigator at the Enforcement Branch of the Ontario Securities Commission where he worked on complex regulatory investigations, enforcement proceedings and appeals relating to compliance failures and capital markets misconduct. Kai has appeared before the Commission and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Before beginning his legal career, Kai worked for a Senator at the Senate of Canada, at an industry association and the Ottawa office of a government relations firm.

Kai is an avid fan of American college football and can be found cheering on his favourite teams during the season.