

Douglas B. Kelly practices in the area of municipal law, expropriation, land use planning and development law. Doug was educated at Carleton University - Bachelor of Arts, and the University of Ottawa – Bachelor of Law. He was called to the bar in 1971, after which he was a Solicitor for both the City of Ottawa and then the former Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, providing advice in real estate, land use planning and land development matters. Doug joined Soloway Wright in 1984 which is where he continues to practice law. Doug has worked both for private and public sector corporations including many counties and municipalities in Eastern Ontario. He has and continues to represent most of the major builders and developers in the Ottawa-Carleton Region

In the area of expropriation law, he is a member of the Ontario Expropriation Association. Doug has represented municipalities, expropriating authorities and expropriated parties on numerous major expropriation matters including the appeals of those matters to Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal. Doug has also been appointed by the Minister of Justice as a Hearing Inquiry Officer for an expropriation matter.

In the area of land development, he has been involved in major planning and development files including “store wars” hearings, urban expansion matters, official plan and zoning policy hearings, and land sterilization cases. Doug has represented a full range of interests including commercial and residential before land use committees, councils and tribunals from the Ontario Municipal Board, Local Planning Appeal Tribunal or Ontario Land Tribunal up to the Court of Appeal.

Doug has been a lecturer teaching the municipal law course at the University of Ottawa Law School. He has also lectured and presented papers at conferences many times over the course of his legal practice including for the Canadian Bar Association, the Expropriation Association, Eastern Region Solicitor’s Conference and land use planning conferences.

Doug is a member of the Greater Ottawa-Carleton Home Builders' Association (GOHBA) and the Building Owners’ Managers Association (BOMA) where he is co-chair of the Government Affairs Committee. He is also the former Ottawa Chapter President of Lambda Alpha International, an honorary land economics society.

Year of Call to Bar

1971

Education

LLB, University of Ottawa (1969)
B.A., Carleton University (1966)

Hometown

Ottawa, Ontario

Memberships

- Past President of Lambda Alpha International (Ottawa Chapter)
- Building Owners and Managers Association
- Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association
- Ontario Expropriation Association
- County of Carleton Law Association
- Ontario Bar Association