

TDS Recognized in the 2026 Best Lawyers® in Canada™ Awards

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Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP (TDS) is proud to announce that our lawyers have been recognized in the **2026 20th Edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada™**, one of the most respected peer-reviewed directories in the legal profession. Since 1983, Best Lawyers® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Lawyers are evaluated based on exhaustive peer review, and no fee is required to be listed, making inclusion a singular honor.



This year, TDS lawyers have achieved **three distinct distinctions**, highlighting both established excellence and emerging talent:

"Lawyer of the Year®" Awards

- **Barry N. MacTavish**, 2026 Best Lawyers® Securities Law "Lawyer of the Year®" in Winnipeg
- **Sacha R. Paul**, 2026 Best Lawyers® Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice "Lawyer of the Year®" in Winnipeg

The Best Lawyers® in Canada™ Awards

Reflecting consistent excellence, **22 TDS lawyers** were recognized across **18 practice areas**, demonstrating the firm's depth and leadership in Manitoba's legal community. Many of these lawyers have been recognized repeatedly over the past decade, reflecting TDS's enduring presence and peer trust across the region.

Serving Winnipeg and Manitoba communities with recognized legal expertise across **18 practice areas**, TDS continues to provide trusted legal guidance while fostering the next generation of lawyers.

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By Service Area

Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice

Robert J.M. Adkins K.C.
Sacha R. Paul
William G. Percy

Administrative and Public Law

Jeff B. Hirsch, K.C.
Gordon A. McKinnon
Lynda Troup
Sacha R. Paul

Banking and Finance Law

Michael A. Choiselat
Drew Mitchell
Lisa Stiver
G. Bruce Taylor

Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Michael A. Choiselat
Gordon A. McKinnon
Silvia de Sousa
Lynda Troup

Corporate Law

Jeff Kowall
Gregory J. Tallon
Richard L. Yaffe, K.C.

Energy Law

Robert J.M. Adkins K.C.

Environmental Law

John D. Stefaniuk, K.C.

Franchise Law

Gregory J. Tallon

Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law

Ross McFadyen

G. Bruce Taylor

Insurance Law

Gordon A. McKinnon

Labour and Employment Law

Adrian B. Frost

Miranda Grayson

Keith David LaBossiere, K.C.

Terra Welsh

Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Gregory J. Tallon

Natural Resources Law

Jeff Kowall

John D. Stefaniuk, K.C.

Real Estate Law

Robert J.M. Adkins K.C.

Securities Law

Barry N. MacTavish

Richard L. Yaffe, K.C.

Tax Law

Frank Lavitt, K.C.

Technology Law

Silvia de Sousa

Trusts and Estates

Frank Lavitt, K.C.

By Name

Adrian B. Frost – Labour and Employment Law

Miranda Grayson – Labour and Employment Law

Jeff B. Hirsch, K.C. – Administrative and Public Law

Jeff Kowall – Corporate Law, Natural Resources Law

Keith David LaBossiere, K.C. – Labour and Employment Law

Frank Lavitt, K.C. – Tax Law, Trusts and Estates

Barry N. MacTavish – Securities Law

Ross McFadyen – Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law

Gordon A. McKinnon – Administrative and Public Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law

Drew Mitchell – Banking and Finance Law

Sacha R. Paul – Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice, Administrative and Public Law

William G. Percy – Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice

John D. Stefaniuk, K.C. – Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law

Lisa Stiver – Banking and Finance Law

Gregory J. Tallon – Corporate Law, Franchise Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law

G. Bruce Taylor – Banking and Finance Law, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law

Lynda Troup – Administrative and Public Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Michael A. Choiselat – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Richard L. Yaffe, K.C. – Corporate Law, Securities Law

Robert J.M. Adkins K.C. – Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice, Energy Law, Natural Resources Law, Real Estate Law

Silvia de Sousa – Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Technology Law

Terra Welsh – Labour and Employment Law

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