

## 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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