



## firm profile

McMillan is a modern and ambitious business law firm serving public, private and not-for-profit clients across key industries in Canada, the United States and internationally. With recognized expertise and acknowledged leadership in major business sectors, we provide solutions-oriented legal advice through our offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Montréal and Hong Kong. Our firm values – respect, teamwork, commitment, client service and professional excellence – are at the heart of McMillan’s commitment to serve our clients, our local communities and the legal profession. For more information, please visit our website at [www.mcmillan.ca](http://www.mcmillan.ca).

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## greenbuild

### overview

Buildings consume the majority of electricity in developed countries and represent a large portion of their overall energy footprint. Today, green building concepts are changing the face of real estate. Tenants are not only seeking premises that are more environmentally responsible, they are recognizing that green buildings can bolster their bottom line.

Green building legislation is already playing a significant role in shaping the future of the real estate industry. Companies that are actively involved in environmentally responsible construction—either in new builds or retrofits—must understand the policy landscape and how it is evolving.

McMillan's Applied Technology Industry Group is made up of lawyers with extensive knowledge of green rating systems and certification processes. Our legal teams also understand the complete building process—from design to construction to handover—and can help all stakeholders assess and allocate risk appropriately, at whatever stage they are involved. We frequently collaborate with colleagues in our Real Estate practices to deliver a complete solution to our clients.

Our lawyers understand the risks and opportunities associated with green certification—including the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) suite of rating systems for the design, construction and operation of buildings. We work regularly with developers, construction firms, tenants, architects and engineers, advising them on the latest developments in green building legislation.

McMillan professionals help clients lead by:

- Negotiating and drafting construction and lease contracts
- Advising on achieving green certification and performance
- Advising on project structures
- Litigating disputes on a wide variety of green building matters
- Advising on merger, acquisition or financial transaction matters
- Advising on available tax credits, rebates and other public and private incentives for green construction and renewable energy production
- Providing advice with regard to carbon and renewable energy credit trading