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Biography

David Tang practises municipal, land development, and planning law. He also represents many charities and not-for-profit organizations and is the Chair of the Nonprofit Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association.

David appears regularly before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, the Assessment Review Board, and the courts to obtain court and planning decisions from official plan amendments and zoning amendments to subdivision approval and severances. He deals regularly with provincial and municipal governments, representing developers, businesses, landowners, and municipalities. David often assists landowners and businesses to protect their investments and processes. He advises on property tax matters, both proactively for business-planning purposes and on appeals. David has particular expertise in working with not-for-profit groups who are seeking to redevelop their land, especially in the affordable or subsidized housing area.

David has advised on and litigated many of the issues surrounding municipalities and their powers. He has assisted municipalities and related entities to incorporate entities for specialized purposes such as energy generation and distribution, housing, and social infrastructure. He has advised on municipal restructuring and boundary adjustments, various types of licensing issues, conflicts of interest, constitutional limitations, discrimination, and municipal charges and revenue opportunities.

David provides a full range of advice to charities and not-for-profit groups. He has particular expertise with religious organizations, structuring relationships and affiliations between Canadian and international charities, property development by charities and not-for-profits, property tax exemptions and refunds, structuring the governance of these organizations, and ensuring that charities comply with all of the laws which are unique to them, their boards, and their members. David has frequently advised charities on the resolution of internal and external disputes.

Other aspects of professional life

David speaks, writes, and is quoted regularly. He has also lectured and taught at Tyndale University College and Seminary; York University; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario Municipal Land Law course A; and Seneca College.

David acts as counsel at arbitrations, mediations, and negotiations as a trained mediator. He appears on the Department of Justice's Dispute Resolution Group Neutral List for use in Canadian government disputes and mediated civil litigation cases for the Ontario Court (General Division) ADR Centre's mandatory mediation program. David believes that disputes between charities or between members of charities and the charity, particularly within churches or religious organizations, are uniquely suited to alternate dispute resolution because of the parties' shared values.

Community engagement

David volunteers with a variety of organizations in various capacities from organizing fundraising events, to relief organ playing at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Burnt River, to

serving as Parliamentarian. He has served as a director or trustee of various charities over the years, including Intervarsity Christian Fellowship of Canada, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, an American 501(c)(3), and with his local church, Immanuel Baptist Church.

Professional achievements & leadership

David a past member of the Executive of the Ontario Bar Association's Municipal and Charitable and Not-For Profit Law Sections. He is currently the Chair of the Nonprofit Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section.

Professional memberships

- Chair, American Bar Association Business Law Section

Languages spoken

- English
- Cantonese

Bar admissions & education

- Ontario Bar, 1990
- LL.B., University of Toronto, 1988
- International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, 1987