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Sonny's clients benefit from the wealth of knowledge he has amassed over many years in practice.

Sonny's practice focuses on property and contract law including property development, financing, sales, purchases, leasing, preparation and analysis of mortgages, debentures and other security documents, condominiums, mortgages and other security remedies and actions, builders' liens, and landlord and tenant matters. He has appeared in all levels of the courts of Alberta and in the Supreme Court of Canada and has served on arbitration panels and legislative boards.

For many years Sonny issued regular written reports on current real estate and lending law which have been widely distributed to lending institutions and members of the legal profession. He has published articles and case comments in the Canadian Bar Review, the Alberta Law Reports, the Condominium Institute, and the Alberta Law Review on mortgage renewals, loan interest, builders' liens, leases, personal property security, security remedies and condominium law.

Sonny's expertise has made him a sought after educational leader and he has taught at various organizations and schools including:

- Legal Education Society of Alberta (LESA) – frequently chairs and lectures at panels on many aspects of property law, finance and lien law
- Frequent Lecturer in Canadian Condominium Institute programs
- Presenter, C.L.H.I.A. (Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association) seminar
- Presenter, American Law Institute / American Bar Association Program
- Former Lecturer – University of Alberta, Faculty of Law: Creditor's Rights (4 years)
- Former Lecturer – Alberta Bar Admission Course: Builders' Liens section (20 years)
- Alberta Mortgage Brokers Certification Program (1996 – 2006)

Sonny has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* in each of the past 13 years and as "Lawyer of the Year" (Edmonton) in five of those years.

E. (Sonny)'s Associations

- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association
- Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society
- Canadian Condominium Institute with accredited A.C.C.I. and F.C.C.I. designations
- Canadian Institute of Mortgage Brokers and Lenders
- Member, Mortgage Loans Association of Alberta
- Member, Alberta Mortgage Brokers Association

practice areas

- Commercial Real Estate & Development
- Condominium Real Estate
- Lending & Security Placement
- Residential Real Estate
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Business Advice and Transactions
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

education

University of Alberta, BA
University of Alberta, LLB

admissions

Alberta, 1966

- Conveyancing Manual Editorial Board, Legal Education Society of Alberta
- Associate Editor of the Western Weekly Reports
- Past Joint Canadian Bar Association / Law Society Legislative Review Committee, Chairman: acted for 35 years as the Committee's legislative officer, monitored and reviewed Bills that came before the Legislature and coordinated the Committee's response to the appropriate Ministers and government departments
- Past Member, Registry Liaison Committee and Real Estate Practice Advisory Committee: Law Society of Alberta
- Past President, Canadian Bar Association: Edmonton Real Estate Section
- Former Board Member, Mortgage Loans Association of Alberta
- Former Board Member, Alberta Mortgage Brokers Association

E. (Sonny)'s Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized as a Leading Practitioner in the area of Property Development & Property Leasing Law by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (2026)
- The Best Lawyers in Canada in the area of Banking and Financial Law (2010 – 2027)
- The Best Lawyers in Canada in the area of Real Estate Law (2006 – 2027)
- The Best Lawyers™ in Canada in the area of Corporate Law (2006 – 2027)
- Recognized as a Leading Practitioner in the area of Banking & Property Development Law by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (2025)
- Recognized as a Leading Practitioner in the practice areas of Banking & Financial Institutions, Property Development, and Property Leasing by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (2009, 2012, 2017-2021, 2024)
- Best Lawyers Real Estate Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Edmonton (2024)
- Best Lawyers Real Estate Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Edmonton (2021)
- Best Lawyers Corporate Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Edmonton (2020)
- Best Lawyers Banking and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Edmonton (2016, 2019)
- Best Lawyers Real Estate Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Edmonton (2011, 2014)
- "Edmonton's Best Banking Lawyer" (2013)
- Cecilia Johnstone Distinguished Service Award, Canadian Bar Association (2007)
- F.C.C.I. designation, Canadian Condominium Institute (2007)
- Edmonton Apartment Association Assaly Award (2007)
- Lifetime Achievement Award, AMBA Board of Directors (1998)
- Distinguished Service Award, Law Society of Alberta and Canadian Bar Association (1998)
- Distinguished Service Award, Edmonton Bar Association (1993)
- Honourary Life Member, Mortgage Loans Associations of Alberta (1991)
- Appointed King's Counsel, 1986