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Sean's practice is focused on municipal law, administrative law, media law, and privacy.

He is the Co-Chair of Reynolds Mirth's Municipal Law Team, and provides advice to municipalities and public bodies throughout Alberta. His municipal law work is varied and includes drafting, interpreting and challenging bylaws, planning and development, and the many issues municipalities face as complex entities with considerable statutory powers and responsibilities.

Sean has appeared before Subdivision and Development Appeal Boards, the Municipal Government Board, and at all levels of Court in Alberta on matters related to municipal law. He is also a frequent speaker and presenter on various municipal law topics.

Sean's media law practice includes providing advice to print, broadcast and online media outlets of all sizes with respect to publication and access and matters related to defamation. He has appeared at all levels of Court in Alberta, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada, where he was a member of Reynolds Mirth's team relating to an injunction brought against a major national broadcaster respecting articles posted to its website containing information subject to a publication ban. Sean teaches Communications Law at MacEwan University and is a board member of the Canadian Media Lawyers Association.

Sean's practice also encompasses privacy law, including matters related to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act which come before the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta. He is also a member of the firm's Construction Law Team and provides advice to both owners and contractors on various contracting issues and construction disputes.

Sean's Associations

- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association
- Canadian Media Lawyers' Association (board member)

Sean's Awards & Recognitions

- [The Best Lawyers™ in Canada in the area of Construction Law \(2021-2025\)](#)
- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer To Watch in the practice area of Litigation – Regulatory & Public Law by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (2021)
- Recognized as a Lawyer to Watch – Finalist in Lexpert's Rising Stars Awards program (2019, 2020)

practice areas

- Municipal Law
- Boards, Tribunals & Administrative Law
- Constitution & Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Construction Law
- Media & Defamation Law
- Labour & Employment

education

University of Alberta, B.A.
University of Alberta, LL.B.

admissions

Alberta, 2007