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Michael Fenrick has a broad civil litigation practice. He works with clients to help them solve complex problems in areas as diverse as constitutional law, corporate commercial litigation, class actions, professional discipline, and labour and employment law. Michael has a particular interest and expertise in public law issues. He regularly acts in matters before administrative tribunals and at all levels of court in Ontario, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada.

In addition to his busy practice, Michael is very involved with the Ontario Bar Association. He is an Executive Member of both the constitutional and administrative law practice groups. Michael was also recently appointed adjunct faculty by the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. He will be teaching constitutional law to graduate students in the Global Professional LL.M. program.

Prior to joining the firm in 2009, Michael was Law Clerk to the Honourable Justice Marshall Rothstein of the Supreme Court of Canada. In this role, Michael assisted Justice Rothstein with a number of leading cases in varied fields of law. While at Dalhousie Law School, he received the University Medal in Law, in addition to numerous other academic and advocacy prizes.

**Education:**

Dalhousie Law School, LL.B.,  
2008

University of British Columbia,  
M.A., 2005

University of King's College,  
B.A., 2003

**Bar Admissions:**

Ontario, 2009

**Professional Affiliations:**

Ontario Bar Association,  
Executive Member of the  
Administrative Law Section

Ontario Bar Association,  
Executive Member of the  
Constitutional, Civil Liberties  
and Human Rights Section

The Advocates' Society

Canadian Association of  
Labour Lawyers

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## Representative Work

- Michael is co-counsel representing three migrant workers in the first constitutional challenge to the Seasonal Agricultural Workers' Program.
- Michael was co-counsel for the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association in the first appeals before the Supreme Court of Canada challenging the constitutionality of the terrorism provisions in the Criminal Code.
- Michael was co-counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association in *R. v. Bedford* in which the Court of Appeal struck down many of the provisions criminalizing prostitution in Canada.
- Michael has been co-counsel for the Canadian Police Association in leading cases in the area of freedom of association (*Fraser v. Ontario (Attorney General)* and *Mounted Police Association of Ontario v. Canada*).
- Michael was also counsel for the Canadian Police Association in *Penner v. Niagara Police Services Board* respecting the scope of issue estoppel and police discipline.
- Michael was co-counsel for the Foundation for the Advancement of Investor Rights before the Supreme Court of Canada in the reference respecting the constitutionality of the proposed national securities regulator.
- Michael has appeared as co-counsel on a number of judicial reviews or appeals from decisions of the administrative tribunals, including decisions of the Ontario Municipal Board, the Ontario College of Pharmacists, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and the Ontario Securities Commission.

## Awards and Honours

- Law Clerk to the Honourable Justice Marshall Rothstein, Supreme Court of Canada, 2008-2009
- Dalhousie Law School, University Medal in Law, 2008
- Numerous academic and advocacy prizes in areas such as constitutional, administrative, labour and corporate commercial law

## Community Involvement

Michael is very involved in federal politics and has a deep interest in politics generally.

- OneLight Theatre, Board Member
- Local Federal Riding Association, Executive Member and Fundraising Co-Chair

## Publications/Presentations

Michael regularly speaks or chairs panels on legal matters related to public law issues.