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Meet Dianne

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A lawyers' lawyer. 33 years practical experience. Listed as one of the top environmental practitioners in Toronto and Ontario by Lexpert, as "highly qualified" by Martindale-Hubbell and as one of the world's leading environmental lawyers by several international rating services.

Civil, criminal and administrative environmental representation and advice (including claims against lawyers and engineers for professional negligence). Core practice areas: brownfields, due diligence, compliance, enforcement, renewable energy approvals, source protection, environmental assessment, ISO 14000, approvals and climate change. Regularly consulted by governments, business, individuals and environmental groups, relied upon by corporate counsel and general practitioners.



Honoured member of [City of Toronto](#) External Panel on Climate Change Risk Management.

Certified as a Specialist in Environmental Law by the [Law Society of Upper Canada](#). Ph.D. in Law, [Osgoode Hall Law School](#), 1991. Ontario Bar, 1976. LL.B., [Osgoode Hall Law School](#), 1974. A certified, experienced mediator. Former senior legal counsel, Ontario [Ministry of the Environment](#). Head of her own law firm since 1991.

Author of Ontario's standard environmental law reference, [Ontario Environmental Protection Act Annotated](#), plus award-winning columns in [Hazardous Materials Management](#) and [Municipal World](#) and numerous articles, chapters, and texts, including:

- *Contaminated Land, a study for the Law Reform Commission of Canada*
- *Buyer's Guide to Contaminated Land*
- *Environmental Offences: Corporate Responsibility and Executive Liability*
- *Environmental Protection Legislation – Guidance & Recommendations for Boardroom Practice*

Substantial pro bono commitments, including Director, [Evergreen](#), [Pollution Probe](#) and [Windshare](#). Long time volunteer for [Algonquin Ecowatch](#). Public Affairs liaison: [Ontario Bar Association](#), Environmental Law Section Executive. Member: Investment Committee for the \$3M OBA portfolio; Strategic Steering Committee on the Environment, multi-stakeholder advisory committees for ISO 14000 and Canadian voluntary environmental standards. Founding member: Environmental Specialist Certification Committee, [Law Society of Upper Canada](#). Life Member: [Bruce Trail Conservancy](#).

When she's lucky, Dianne gets a little time away from work. She's the proud wife of [Stewart Saxe](#) and mother of [Rebecca Saxe](#), David Saxe, and [Shoshanna Saxe](#). And she loves to go to the wild and beautiful places of the world, preferably by paddle or pedal:



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Really good piece Diane - timely too as we head out to Vancouver to the Canadian Brownfields Conference (canadianbrownfields.ca). Brownfield Coordinator Chris Thompson is attending the conference from MAH, and there will also be reps from MOE. Keep up the good work. Glenn Miller, VP education and research, Canadian Urban Institute

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Thank you very much, Glenn. We appreciate this.

Dianne

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