

Biography of Mary Ellen Bench

For over 30 years, Mary Ellen has worked in municipal law and has a solid reputation as a strategic thinker focused on problem solving and ensuring that legal services needs are met. Advocacy efforts have been successful in advancing the interests of municipalities at the Province, the Federal government and the Law Society. Mary Ellen is certified as a Specialist in Municipal Law, local government / land use planning and development law, by the Law Society of Ontario and is seen as a leader in municipal practice generally.

Active as a volunteer in her community on behalf of law, education and sport.

Professional Experience

- 18 years as City of Mississauga City Solicitor, leading the City's Legal Services Division. Developed a culture where legal advisors also play a strategic business role, expanding the team where appropriate to ensure full range of legal, insurance and risk management services are provided to the Corporation in a timely, cost effective manner, using a combination of in-house and external legal support.
- 10 years' experience at the City of Toronto including 9 years as a leader in the Legal Department, including playing a leadership role during the amalgamation process and subsequent years' reviews and changes that followed. At Toronto, provided legal support to the then Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO) and the Toronto Parking Authority in addition to the City.
- Has always maintained personal responsibility for files including large corporate change initiatives, strategic planning, elections, economic development, infrastructure, development projects, policy development and governance.
- Senior Advisor (policy) at StrategyCorp

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