



Joseph Lyons

Joe Lyons is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Director of the Local Government Program at Western University. His teaching and research interests are in the areas of local government institutions and administration. He is especially interested in special-purpose bodies and has published research comparing their performance with municipal governments.



Quinto Annibale

Quinto practices municipal, land use planning and development law. He has 30 years' experience as an advocate, appearing before the Ontario Municipal Board in hundreds of cases. He has practiced his entire 26 year career as a lawyer at Loopstra Nixon. Quinto is an accomplished author and lecturer speaking frequently at conferences throughout North America. He is the author of a Thompson Reuters publication entitled "Municipal Lands: Acquisition, Management and Disposition" and is a contributing author and consulting editor for two other texts. Quinto is an active member of his community, giving very generously of his time to many not-for-profit organizations and charitable endeavors. Of these, he is most proud to be the founder and president of the Carol Annibale Ovarian Cancer Foundation, a charity he runs in memory of his late wife, Carol Annibale.



Carla Nell

In October 2015, Ms. Nell was appointed Vice-President with MPAC to lead MPAC's new Municipal and Stakeholder Relations department with a focus on strengthening relationships through proactive outreach and collaboration. Ms. Nell has more than 24 years of experience working in the municipal sector and brings a unique blend of experience in municipal finance, taxation and assessment matters, and has, throughout her career worked with and provided policy support and advice to municipalities, school boards and provincial governments. Ms. Nell's most recent role was President of the Municipal Tax Advisory Group. In this role she led a team that provides services to a number of organizations across the public sector related to all aspects of municipal finance. These areas included: assessment base analysis and management, budget development, impact studies, tax policy analysis and advice, benchmarking and competitiveness studies, the implementation and administration of property tax and related protection measures, the development of best practices, tax billing, PSAB compliance and capital asset management, customized data management solutions, education, training, alternative dispute resolution, including facilitation, negotiation and mediation support, as well as expert representation in assessment and tax appeals. eRgarded as an expert representative in assessment, taxation and stakeholder relations in the municipal finance and property tax communities, Ms. Nell is a regular contributor to various industry publications and has spoken extensively at numerous conferences and workshops. She is the author of the AMCTO's (Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario) Assessment and Tax Manual and the monograph published by the Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA) titled Serving to Your Potential: Enhancing Strategic Influence in the Treasurer's Office. Carla completed her Honours Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Ottawa and Masters of Arts Degree from the University of Western Ontario. In addition, she has fulfilled the requirements of Seneca College's Real Property Administration Program to qualify as an Associate of the Institute of Municipal Assessors (AIMA). She has also been awarded the Professional Land Economist (PLE) designation by the Association of Ontario Land Economists, and is closely aligned with numerous professional associations serving both the public and private sectors. Carla is a paralegal licensed by the Law Society of Upper Canada, and has taught in the Faculty of Business at Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology in both the Public Administration and Real Property Administration programs.



Chris Vanden Haak

Chris Vanden Haak joined the OMERS Sponsors Corporation in 2012, bringing a wealth of retirement-industry experience gained in the consulting practice of Mercer (Canada) Ltd., a leader in the benefits consulting industry. His expertise encompasses a broad spectrum of pension plan management, including funding, accounting, administration and the governance of defined benefit pension plans. Chris is a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, has a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Brock University, and a Post-Degree Diploma in actuarial science from the University of Waterloo.



Holly Munn

Holly Munn is a principal at BrandFreek Communications, a communications consultancy providing strategic writing support to municipalities and inter-governmental organizations. She's provided strategic communications direction to BC Lottery Corporation, Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, City of Vancouver, and top publicly traded organizations in Europe, Asia, and North America.