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Brian Kolenda Named a 2022 Lexpert Rising Star

Brian Kolenda was recognized as a 2022 Lexpert Rising Star at last night's award ceremony at the Liberty Grand in Toronto.

This prestigious honour celebrates leading lawyers under the age of 40 who have an outstanding track record of success in their field, are changemakers in the legal industry, leaders in the community, and important contributors to their firm's success. Brian embodies this recognition.

"Brian is key to our success in the courtroom and boardroom. He applies a rare combination of a broad, deep knowledge of the law, superb judgment, and an exceptional work ethic," says Managing Partner, Tom Curry. *"He is a natural born advocate and leader who remains at the heart of our firm's long-term strategy."*

Brian's exceptional advocacy and client service is also widely recognized by his clients and peers. They had this to say about him:

"Brian has proven himself to be an exceptional advocate, a strong project manager, and a trusted advisor who gives practical advice in the face of complex issues."

"Brian is an exceptional litigator. He is innovative and energetic, as well as calm and measured, when addressing challenging circumstances."

"His approach to litigation is practical and strategic. I've always been confident that he is right on top of the facts and has thought the problem all the way through. He considers the important legal issues but also the goals of our business and proposes and implements effective strategies to advance both."

"In working closely with Brian, I have come to appreciate not only his accomplished litigation skills but his intellect, tenacity, and equanimity."

In addition to being an exceptional litigator and a trusted advisor to clients and colleagues, Brian is a leading changemaker. As Head of our Securities group, partner responsible for IT, Sustainability Committee Chair, Innovation Hive member, and previous leader of our Student Committee, he advances our firm and our practice for the benefit of our

clients and lawyers. He is a leader, change agent, and rising star.

Congratulations, Brian!