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### **Where do you work and what is your role there?**

I am a partner at the law firm of McCarthy Tétrault LLP in the Real Property and Planning Group in the firm's Toronto office, as set out in my CREWBiz and LinkedIn profiles.

### **What areas of commercial real estate do you specialize in?**

I specialize in the areas of municipal property assessment and taxation, land use planning and development and most things "municipal". I am also an expert in Ontario's Retail Business Holidays Act.

### **What do you find is most challenging or satisfying in your role?**

My career at McCarthy Tétrault LLP has empowered me and has enabled me to empower others. In terms of my law specialties, they are forever changing, providing a challenge, which makes things interesting day in and day out. It is always rewarding to assist and find an answer, most especially when you do not think one exists or to get an unexpected positive result.

### **How long have you been a CREW member, and what do you get most out of being a member?**

I have been a member of Toronto CREW since 2007 and I am the current President of our Chapter. Being a member of Toronto has enabled me to step outside of my comfort zone amongst friends and colleagues. Toronto CREW has offered me many challenges and successes and both Toronto CREW and CREW Network has been the catalyst for long lasting friendships, new connections, new mandates and a whole host of stretch assignments.

### **I would like CREW members to call me whenever they need...**

assistance with their municipal property assessment, property tax recharge issues, ground rent arbitrations, planning and development approvals and related issues, Ontario Retail Business Holidays Act matters, as well as most things "municipal". I would also like to add that CREW members can call me whenever they have any questions about Toronto CREW and the Network.