

# STARS ARE RISING

By Jean Cumming

*Lexpert* is honouring 45 “Rising Stars,” leading lawyers under 40 years of age, at a gala in Toronto on November 21. Brian Burke, the general manager and executive vice president of the Anaheim Ducks will be the guest speaker, and Heather Hiscox, the host of CBC News: Morning, the emcee.

Before getting to the gala, however, *Lexpert* and its Advisory Board used these criteria to make its selection of finalists and ultimately winners:

- Deals, Cases and/or Files
- Community or professional involvement, or pro bono work
- Contribution to firm profitability
- Adaptability to change
- Education, awards and affiliations
- Team player qualities

Based on these criteria, here are the 2007 incredibly impressive Rising Stars:



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**Catherine Beagan Flood**  
*Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP*

Catherine Beagan Flood has a specialized practice in litigating constitutional and administrative law cases and providing advice on constitutional, privacy and freedom of information issues, in addition to practising general civil and commercial litigation.

She has argued before all levels of courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada and the Ontario Court of Appeal. She has been counsel on numerous constitutional and administrative law cases dealing with issues such as the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the division of powers, Parliamentary privilege, judicial independence, freedom of information and human rights. Beagan Flood has also prepared extensive legal opinions on issues such as compliance with privacy legislation, constitutional conventions, the *Charter*, and the division of powers in the Canadian Constitution.

She is also a member of the adjunct faculty of Osgoode Hall Law School, where she has been teaching a specialized seminar on privacy and freedom of information since 2000.

Before joining Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Beagan Flood graduated as gold medallist from Osgoode Hall Law School. She was law clerk to the Right Honourable Antonio Lamer,

chief justice of Canada from 1997-1998. After completing her clerkship, she received an LLM degree from Harvard Law School, where she studied constitutional, administrative and media law as a Frank Knox Memorial Fellow and Canada-US Fulbright scholar.

Beagan Flood has given several workshops for the United Way and Pro Bono Law Ontario on privacy law for charities and non-profit organizations.



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**Paul A. Beauregard**  
*Bell Canada – Law Department*

Paul Beauregard was front and centre in BCE's strategic review process which resulted in an announced sale for an all-cash transaction value at \$51.8 billion (including debt, preferred equity and minority interests) — the largest sale transaction and largest LBO in Canadian history. He was the lead lawyer responsible for all aspects of BCE's refinancing and partial disposition of Bell Globemedia, the value of BCE's stake being \$1.5 billion. A key aspect of the monetization was the negotiation of ongoing rights to Globemedia's content for distribution on BCE's new media platforms.

Previously, Beauregard was responsible for many of Bell

Mount Court at the corners of Dundas and Carroll Streets, at the waterfront, and shortly, at Lawrence Heights. As in-house counsel, he is directly responsible for these developments from procurement to planning through to construction.

On the Rising Stars criterion of "contribution to firm profitability," Fox's nominator writes: "Profitability is also a large concern for TCHC as the money it turns from condo sales finances needed projects. Fox is always re-examining existing and new financial relationships in order to maximize revenues to TCHC."

As for the "team player" criterion, the nominator writes: "One of the challenges in an organization like TCHC is that [Fox] is obliged to defend TCHC's interest in transactions with developers and with the City of Toronto with which TCHC will continue to engage in different future deals. His ability to maintain positive relationships with the opposing counsel and with executives with whom he negotiates is therefore essential to the long term goals and objectives of the organization and [Fox] brings that sensibility to every meeting."

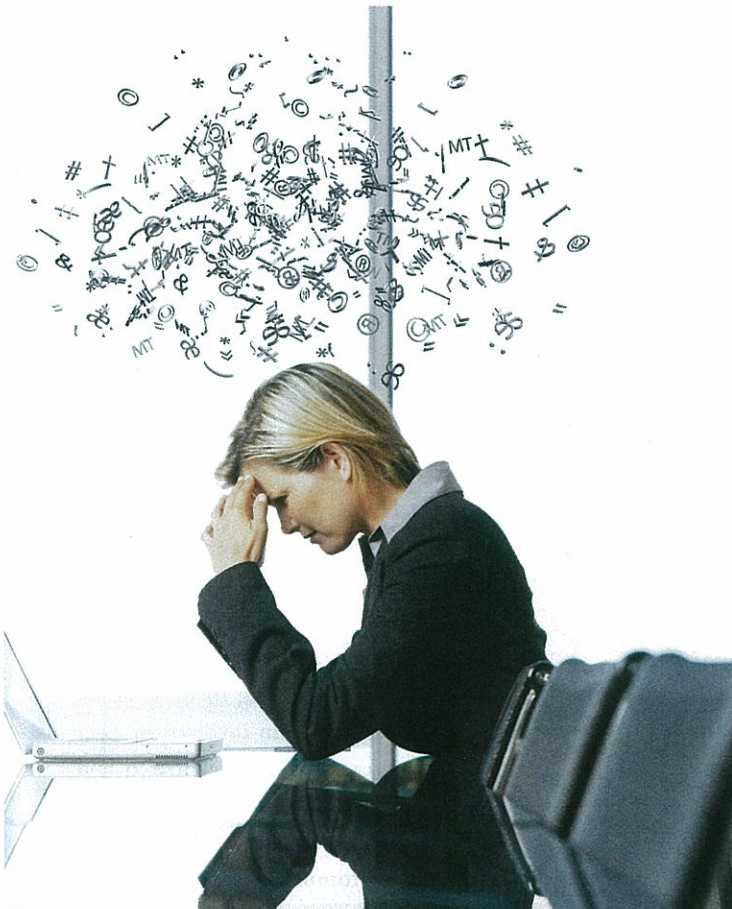
Previously, Fox demonstrated community leadership by serving on the Board of the Daily Bread Food Bank for eight years, including two years as chair.



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**Michael Friedman**  
*McMillan Binch Mendelsohn LLP*

As a member of the McMillan Binch Mendelsohn LLP team, Michael Friedman has been involved in the resolution of a number of challenging and complicated tax disputes. For example, he and the team successfully represented Hewlett-Packard before the Federal Court of Appeal in a case involving the tax treatment of asset dispositions that has broad implications for the taxation of all business enterprises in Canada.

Friedman has also played an active role in the tax-efficient structuring of a wide array of hedge funds and mutual funds, including the development of innovative structured products aimed at producing superior after-tax returns. In the course of his commercial tax practice, Friedman has supported a broad range of private equity and mining-related transactions on both a domestic and cross-border basis and has counseled clients in a variety of commercial sectors. Further, a sizeable element of Friedman's practice has focused on structuring efficient cross-border financings and guiding lenders in the establishment of tax-efficient lending arrangements in a number of high profile



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Friedman's high public profile has been a great benefit to his firm. He is an active and recognized commentator on Canadian and international tax matters. He is regularly consulted by the media, has frequently appeared on BNN and CTV, and has been quoted in newspapers across Canada, including *The Globe and Mail* and the *National Post*.

Among his volunteer activities, he has been extensively involved with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto for many years.



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**Leonard A. Gangbar**  
*Miller Thomson LLP*

Leonard Gangbar is a partner in Miller Thomson LLP's Toronto office, where he is a co-practice group leader of the real estate and property development group. He is also national chair of the firm's condominium industry group. His practice covers a broad spectrum of transactions including development, project financing, acquisitions and dispositions.

Gangbar acts for a number of Ontario's largest developers covering areas of industrial, commercial, multi-family and condominium developments. He also acts for the primary Brownfield Fund in Ontario. In addition to that representation, Gangbar represents a large, national aggregate group and several US real estate investors and REITS.

According to his Rising Stars nomination form, Gangbar "by his own initiative, through planning, networking and immersion...gained an impressive roster of his own national and international clients and built an enviable resume of experience in less than a decade." Exemplifying his business acumen, Gangbar coordinated a team of Canadian, Bahamian and Hong Kong counsel on finance structuring for a Canadian development by a Hong Kong-based development company.

Gangbar is past chair of the Real Property Executive of the Ontario Bar Association. His nominator writes that he is "dedicated to associate development and actively mentors three associates in the real estate group providing them with a significant portion of the work that they undertake on a daily basis."



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**Sunny Handa**  
*Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP*

Sunny Handa is a partner and co-head of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP's information technology group and India working group. Handa deals with information technology, intellectual property, communications (telecommunications and broadcasting) and electronic commerce matters, and a range of corporate/commercial matters relating to technology and communications businesses, as well as a substantial practice in mergers and acquisitions of technology companies.

He also has an active life sciences/health law practice and has worked extensively for some of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies on a wide array of operational drug-related as well as corporate and commercial matters.

Handa represents a number of Indian companies doing business in Canada, as well as Canadian companies doing business in India. He was invited to attend the Province of Quebec's last two trade missions to India.

Handa is an adjunct professor of law at McGill University, where he has been teaching for the past 13 years. He currently teaches courses on information technology law, and complex legal transactions; and has taught communications law, copyright and trade-mark theory, copyright and information technology law and mergers and acquisitions law in the recent past. He also oversees graduate students writing in the fields of intellectual property, information technology and communications law.

He has also published widely in legal literature and has also authored and co-authored a number of books on information technology, communications law, copyright law and business.

He is also on the Board of Directors of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal.



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**David G. Henley**  
*Stewart McKelvey*

David Henley is a partner at Stewart McKelvey in Halifax. He has a broad commercially oriented practice in maritime, construction, energy and natural resources, and environmental law. He is experienced in litigating in these areas. Moreover, he has been involved in asset financing work in a marine context, and has negotiated and drafted many contracts.

Henley represents various maritime and offshore interests. He is a past-chair of the CBA Environmental Law Subsection,