



Guy Des Rosiers

Of Counsel

guy.desrosiers@wilsonelser.com

New York, NY – 212.915.5279

Guy Des Rosiers has broad-based international experience with significant transactional work as well as litigation. While the bulk of Guy's career is based in New York, he spent many years as a foreign legal consultant at a leading business law firm in South East Asia working on infrastructure and M&A deals, with an emphasis on project finance, oil and gas, transportation and water infrastructure. A native French speaker, Guy also has practiced law in Quebec (Canada) and France.

In the insurance field, Guy has represented a major Canadian insurer in the formation of an Indonesian bancassurance joint venture with a Malaysian bank. Earlier in his career, he defended a U.S. insurer in nationwide sales practice litigation.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Guy spent several years as the Senior Principal Law Clerk at the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department working on a wide variety of appellate matters.

Appellate/Environmental/ Transportation/ Premises Liability/ Products Liability

With more than a decade of experience at the Appellate Division, Guy has developed a deep understanding of appellate practice along with a solid grasp of several substantive areas of New York law, including negligence, premises liability, insurance coverage, medical malpractice and the Labor Law. Guy also has experience in environmental law, particularly on the transactional side, as well as in the defense of mass torts and products liability cases.

Commercial Contracts & Agreements / Commercial Litigation

As a litigator with extensive experience drafting and negotiating complex commercial agreements, Guy understands the value of meticulous drafting as well as the pitfalls of a poorly written contract. He also has a thorough understanding of New York contract law, and has taught a seminar on contract drafting at Columbia Law School.

Services

- Appellate
- Commercial Contracts & Agreements
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental
- Transportation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Canada
- Asia

Education

- Columbia Law School (LL.M., 1993)
 - Columbia Journal of Transnational Law
- University of Montreal (LL.B., 1988)
 - Carswell Constitutional Law Award

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- Adjunct Lecturer in Law, Columbia Law School, 2000–2003
- Attorney Member, New York State Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, 2005–2008

Awards & Honors

- Expert Consultant, IFLR1000, 2024–2025
- Leading Lawyer, IFLR1000 for M&A (2013, 2014–2015) and Energy & Infrastructure (2014–2017)
- Leading Lawyer in Asialaw Profiles for Project Finance and Infrastructure (2013–2018)
- Lead Compromis Author, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 2014
- Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Award for excellence in brief writing, 2001

Languages

- French

Representative Matters

Assisted Indonesian government in the preparation of three public private partnership (PPP) clean water projects in East Java, West Java and Central Sulawesi.

Advised an Indonesian state-owned company in the negotiation of an EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) contract for a \$500 million blast furnace complex with Chinese state-owned contractor.

Advised Indonesian government on the drafting of proposed implementing regulations for

the development of private (dedicated) coal railways.

Represented Canadian insurance company in setting up Indonesian bancassurance joint venture with Malaysian banking partner.

Represented Indonesian synthetic textile manufacturer in acquisition and debt restructuring of distressed Indonesian petrochemicals group.

Advised lenders and debtor-in-possession lenders on environmental matters pertaining to Chapter 11 proceedings commenced by LaRoche Industries Inc. in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

In re: Diet Drugs Products Liability Litigation (MDL 1203). Defended depositions of CEO and other executive officers of one of the manufacturing defendants, and oversaw the production of more than one million pages of discovery.

In re: Silicone Gel Breast Implant Products Liability Litigation (MDL 926). As part of the national legal issues team for one of the defendants, briefed a wide variety of procedural and substantive legal issues in federal and state trial and appellate courts, including federal preemption, forum non conveniens, admissibility of expert evidence and the learned intermediary doctrine.