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## EDITORS NOTE

# THE VOTES ARE IN



**W**elcome to the first annual *Canadian Lawyer* Readers' Choice Awards. This feature is designed to allow you, our readers, to tell us which vendors and suppliers are the best at what they do. Whether it was a crucial service or a time-saving product, there was a category for you to cast your vote. From legal tech products and business valuation services to recruiters and legal research – the *Canadian Lawyer* Readers' Choice Awards showcases the companies and products that prevailed among their competitors.

Nearly 2,300 readers cast votes for their preferred suppliers and vendors in 40 categories. Given the size and scope of the survey, your responses exceeded our expectations in this inaugural year. Lawyers and legal professionals rely on these businesses and that is why we have dedicated these pages to highlight those our readers recommend.

The *Canadian Lawyer* Readers' Choice Awards were created by *Canadian Lawyer* with voting conducted via online ballot. Readers were notified of the ballot through direct e-mails, print and online advertising, and social media. Results were compiled by the *Canadian Lawyer* team.

The ballot consisted of 40 categories encompassing the areas of ADR & Mediation, Financial Services & Consulting, Legal Research, Legal Technology, Litigation Support & Consulting, Real Estate and Recruiting. In total, more than 300 products and service providers were listed on the official ballot and voters were also given the opportunity to write in any businesses not listed.

Depending upon the number of nominees, we have named the top three to five vote-getters in each category listed in alphabetical order.

Again, thanks for sharing your voice and your votes. Your opinions are reflected on the pages that follow. If you do not see your favourite business recognized, please be sure to vote next year.

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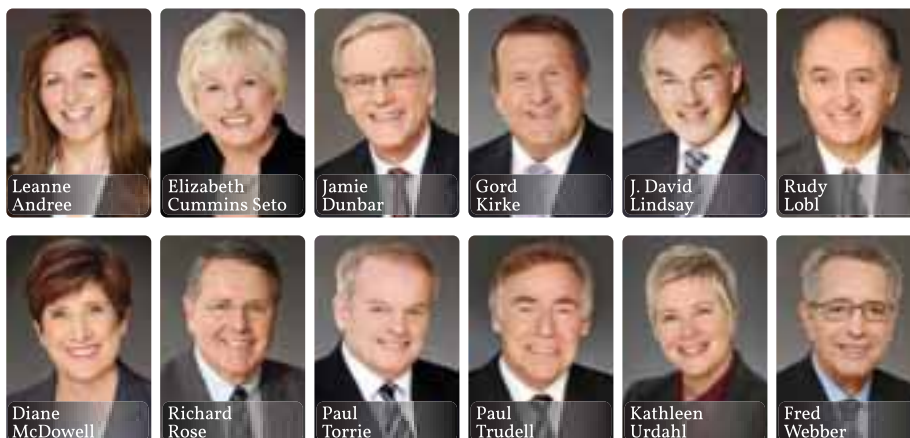


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