

Counsel's Sheamus Murphy makes Hill Times Top 100 Lobbyists

March 8, 2016 – Ottawa, ON – Sheamus Murphy, Vice President Federal Advocacy for Counsel Public Affairs (Counsel), has been named to the Hill Times' prestigious list of Parliament Hill's Top 100 Lobbyists for 2016.

The annual list was published in this week's Hill Times, Canada's influential politics and government newsweekly. The Top 100 Lobbyists list includes leading in-house lobbyists, association CEOs and consultant lobbyists.

Sheamus' inclusion in the list – little over two months after opening Counsel's Ottawa office – is a recognition of his political track record, extensive political network, and the changing nature of government relations in Ottawa since the last federal election.

"To be included in the top 100 – out of about 5,000 lobbyists registered federally – is a great honour for Sheamus and for Counsel," said Philip Dewan, President of Counsel. "With new federal clients in sectors including infrastructure, agriculture, energy and health care, our federal practice is already exceeding our expectations."

As one of 32 new lobbyists in this year's ranking, Sheamus is part of a new wave representing what the Hill Times calls a "Power shift among federal lobbyists" that is the "biggest since Chrétien won power in 1993." (link: <http://www.hilltimes.com/2016/03/07/power-shift-among-federal-lobbyists-biggest-since-chretien-won-power-in-1993-lobbyists/53026>)

Commenting on this year's ranking, Sheamus said, "I'm heartened to have the recognition of my peers. This honour simply redoubles my commitment to provide the direct, policy-driven representation my clients need to succeed."

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