

MINKEN EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS

2015 Business Excellence **Community Relations & Cultural Enrichment** Award Winner

By Alanna Brousseau

As

both a resident and business owner in Markham, supporting and preserving culture in the community is of the utmost importance to Ron Minken and his team at Minken Employment Lawyers. A resident of Markham for nearly 40 years, Minken has spent the majority of his professional career practicing there. His law boutique was established in 1990 and recently took up residence in the historic McKinnon-Eakin House on Main Street in Unionville.

The move, however, was a not a simple one. The house, which was originally built in 1835, is the 17th oldest building in Ontario and the 2nd oldest in Unionville, and it required significant renovations before Minken and his team could move in. As painstaking as this process was, Minken credits this project as one of the major reasons his firm received the Community Relations & Cultural Enrichment Award.

Following the restoration, Minken was invited to participate in Doors Open Markham, an event that allows visitors to interact with some of the city's most historically rich sites. "We feel that this connection to history is an important part of raising future generations with appreciation for heritage and the people that built our community for our life and enjoyment," says Minken.

The company is also a long-time supporter of the arts community in Markham. Minken regularly sponsors events at the Flato Markham Theatre, as well as other festivals and events held throughout the city.



Armin Tejani, Weins Canada (left); Ron Minken, Minken Employment Lawyers (right).

Minken says he is consistently impressed by the arts programming in the community. "This definitely makes Markham a unique and progressive place that recognizes the importance of arts and culture in our lives. We are very happy to be part of it."

Minken believes that these awards encourage businesses to get involved in the community and make a difference. He says his company will continue to support arts and culture in Markham and will be on the lookout for new opportunities to contribute to the community in a meaningful way. "It is a great pleasure to be rewarded for something we love doing anyways." ▣

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