



Some people will say, "*You can't fight City Hall!*" Of course, this is untrue; however, without skilled legal representation, such a fight is indeed a very difficult uphill battle.

Examples of municipal by-law offences include:

1. The erecting of signage without a permit, see: *R. (City of Hamilton) v. Ellis*, [2010 ONCJ 217](#);
2. The improper cutting or removal of trees, see: *R. (County of Elgin) v. Nirta*, [2012 ONCJ 629](#);
3. The operating of a taxi service without a license, see: *R. (City of Toronto) v. Rainal*, [2006 ONCJ 335](#);
4. The operating of a business contrary to proper zoning, see: *R. (Municipality of Chatham-Kent) v. Benoit*, [2004 ONCJ 446](#); and

5. The permitting of, or failure to prevent, touching between patrons and exotic dancers, see: *R. (City of Toronto) v. Zanzibar*, [2007 ONCJ 4012](#)



With literally hundreds of by-laws applicable within each Ontario municipality, keeping up with all the various by-law offences can be next to impossible, so, if you, or your business is charged with a by-law offence, hire representation.