

LUCIA STUHLREIER*



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Lucia Stuhldreier is respected for her legal expertise in matters involving ground transportation and aviation and as a tenacious litigator in administrative and public law. She is consistently recognized as a leading lawyer in the Transportation: Rail & Road category by *Chambers Canada*.

Acting for rail shippers in connection with rail transportation agreements, Lucia negotiates rates and service matters, and agreements for the construction, acquisition and shared use of rail trackage. She also advises clients on rail transportation policy, and regulatory matters relating to aviation and truck transportation.

Lucia has extensive experience in rail regulatory proceedings before the Canadian Transportation Agency and arbitrations relating to rail freight rates, service issues, interswitching and railway line discontinuance as well as related judicial review and appellate proceedings. She has appeared before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada, the Manitoba Motor Transport Board, the Saskatchewan Highway Transport Board, all levels of court

in Manitoba, the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal.

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Expertise: Administrative & Public Law, Rail, Transportation

Location: Vancouver

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Position/Title: Partner, Transportation

Community Involvement:

- Aviation Management Advisory Committee, Red River College, Member (2005 - 2007), Chairperson (2007 - 2012)
- Musik Barock Ensemble, Board Member (2002 - 2005)

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Canadian Bar Association
- Canadian Transport Lawyers Association

Publications:

- "[Setting the Record Straight: Fair Rail Coalition's Response to Public Claims and Analyses Regarding International Rail Freight Rate Comparisons](#)", Proceedings of the 59th Annual Conference of the Canadian Transportation Research Forum (May 2024)
- "[Yours or mine: A history of interswitching in Canada](#)", Proceedings of the 59th Annual Conference of the Canadian Transportation Research Forum (May 2024)
- "[Consequences or conjectures: The impact of extending railway interswitching limits](#)", Proceedings of the 59th Annual Conference of the Canadian Transportation Research Forum (May 2024)
- "[Railway Line Capacity Metrics](#)," Planning in Times of Unprecedented Change and Uncertainty, Proceedings of the 55th Annual Conference of the Canadian Transportation Research Forum (June 2020)
- "[The Regulation of Interswitching in Canada](#)," published in the Journal of Transportation Law, Logistics

and Policy, Volume 90, Number 2 (2023)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the British Columbia bar

Year: 2016

Degree: Called to the Manitoba bar

Year: 1998

Degree: LLB

University: University of Manitoba

Year: 1997

Degree: BA (Honours), Philosophy

University: University of Manitoba

Year: 1986

Rankings & Recognition:

- Recognized in the 2024 Lexpert Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers
- Recognized in the 2024 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Consistently Recommended Lawyer in the area of Transportation (Road and Rail) and a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Aviation (Regulation & Liability)
- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2024) as a leading lawyer in the area of Transportation: Rail & Road
- Recognized in the 2023 Lexpert Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers as an Infrastructure Lawyer
- Recognized in the 2023 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Consistently Recommended Lawyer in the area of Transportation (Rail & Road) and a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Aviation
- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2023) as a leading lawyer in the area of Transportation: Rail & Road
- Recognized in the 2022 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Transportation (Rail & Road)
- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2022) as a leading lawyer in the area of Transportation: Rail & Road
- Recognized in the 2021 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Transportation (Rail & Road)

- Recognized by Chambers Canada 2021 as a leading lawyer in the area of Transportation: Rail & Road
- Listed in the Legal500 Canada 2020 as a “Recommended Lawyer” – Transport
- Recognized by Chambers Canada 2020 as a leading lawyer in the area of Transportation: Rail and Road
- Recognized by Chambers Canada 2019 as a leader in Transportation: Rail & Road
- Recognized by Chambers Canada 2018 in Transportation: Rail & Road - Nationwide - Canada
- Recognized by Chambers Canada 2017 in Transportation: Rail & Road - Nationwide - Canada

Speaking Engagements:

- The Hottest Ticket in Town: M&A Events in the Rail Industry Today, 2021 Annual General Meeting & Educational Conference, Speaker

- October 22, 2021

- <https://ctla.ca/2021>

- Play Ball! The Canadian baseball-arbitration process for rail rate disputes and adopting a similar process in the US ATLP 91st Annual Meeting

- June 30, 2020

- Data Solutions for Enhancing Transportation Performance Railway Line Capacity Metrics CTRF 2020 Annual Conference

- June 5, 2020

Representative Matters:

- Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp Inc. (MLMP) in its level of service complaint against Canadian National Railway Company (CN) culminating in Canadian Transportation Agency [Letter Decision No. CONF-R-2023](#), including successful defense of CN's motion for leave to appeal that decision, and the Agency's determination of expenses payable to MLMP due to CN's service failures in Agency Decision-CONF-R-9-2023
- Represented rail shippers in court proceedings involving contract disputes and challenges of final offer arbitrations and Canadian Transportation Agency decisions
- Provided strategic transportation advice to proponents of greenfield mining projects and industrial developments
- Appeared on behalf of the Forest Products Association of Canada in the Canadian Transportation Agency's 2019 investigation of freight rail service issues in the Vancouver area

- Appeared on behalf of the Western Canadian Shippers' Coalition before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities in 2017
- Counsel to large grain shippers in level of service complaints and applications for regulated interswitching before the Canadian Transportation Agency
- Co-counsel in numerous final offer arbitrations for rail shippers in the mining, automotive, forest products and oil and gas industry against Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway.
- Counsel to provincial and municipal governments in negotiations and regulatory proceedings relating to the acquisition of railway lands and trackage for shortline operations and in-land port facilities
- Appeared on behalf of rail shipper associations before the *Canada Transportation Act* Review Panel in 2001 and 2015
- Regulatory counsel on the acquisition of six regional and specialized air carriers
- Counsel to a regional airport authority in enforcement proceedings under the *Aeronautics Act*
- Represented airlines in enforcement proceedings under the *Canada Transportation Act*
- Represents and advises motor carriers and shippers on trucking contracts, bills of lading, cargo claims, National Safety Code certification and regulatory compliance.

Teaching Engagements:

- Instructor, "Legal Issues in Transportation", Transport Institute at the Asper School of Business, University of Manitoba (2006 - 2015)

Industries: Rail, Transportation

Practices: Administrative & Public Law