

MARTIN THIBOUTOT



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Martin Thiboutot is an experienced and respected lawyer whose practice covers a wide range of environmental, natural resources and energy matters. Martin provides counsel on compliance and regulatory issues relating to environmental protections, stewardship, contaminated land and natural resources management. He assists clients on environmental, natural resources and energy aspects of commercial and real estate transactions as well as environmental litigation. He also has significant experience with renewable energy and transmission projects. Earlier in his career, Martin was involved in drafting and negotiating agreements for several construction and infrastructure projects.

Martin is a current lecturer at the University of Laval's Faculty of Law, teaching courses on Energy Law, Environmental Law and Sustainable Development.

Prior to joining McMillan, Martin gained experience as a lawyer at other national law firms, and a legal counsel

at an environmental engineering firm and at a Canadian forestry corporation in Montréal.

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Expertise: Energy, Environment, Forest Products, Mining, Municipal, Land Use Planning & Development

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Location: Montréal

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Position/Title: Counsel, Environment

Community Involvement:

- Member of the Board of Directors of the non-profit organization “La Vague” (2021 – present)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the “La fille de laitier” Theater (2020 – present)

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Member of the Board of Directors of Fonds d'action québécois pour le développement durable (2022 – present)
- Vice-President of the Board of Directors of La Caisse Desjardins, Rosemont-La-Petite-Patrie (2019 – present)
- Member of the Executive Committee of Young Administrators of the Institute for Governance for private and public organizations (IGOPP) (2021 – present)
- Secretary of the Board of Directors of the “Centre d’expertise et de recherche en infrastructures urbaine” (CERIU) (2019 – present)
- Member of the Executive committee – National section Environment, Natural Resources and Energy of the Canadian Bar Association (2014 – present)

Publications:

- "[Grille d'analyse pour le droit du Québec : Aspects historiques, pratiques et théoriques](#)," co-author with

Julie McCann and Denis Le May. Wilson & Lafleur (2022)

- "Qualité de l'air," co-author, JurisClasseur Québec, collection Droit de l'environnement, fasc. 20, Montréal, LexisNexis, 2017 (updated in 2021).
- "Le Régime contractuel de l'État," co-author, JurisClasseur Québec, collection Droit administratif, fasc. 19, Montreal, LexisNexis, 2013 (updated in 2022).
- "Documentation juridique : recherche, rédaction et référence," co-author, Wilson et Lafleur (2019)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the Québec Bar

Year: 2014

Degree: Graduate Degree - Micro-program (Environment)

University: University of Sherbrooke

Year: 2021

Degree: Certificate (Mining law)

University: Osgoode Hall Law School

Year: 2014

Degree: BCL (Law)

University: Université Laval

Year: 2012

Degree: International Exchange Program

University: Bucerius Law School, Hambourg, Germany

Year: 2012

Media Mentions:

- "[Developer's Legal Victory Over Quebec Urban Planners Sets Precedent](#)," by Kristian Gravenor, CoStar News (August 1, 2023)

Rankings & Recognition:

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* (2024) as a leading lawyer in the area of Environmental Law

Speaking Engagements:

- Québec Business Council on the Environment (CPEQ) webinar “Series on forms (Environmental Authorizations) – Impact Forms”

- April 18, 2023

- Québec's Environmental Authorization Regime : Effective Management of Ministerial Authorization Application Forms, Québec Business Council on the Environment (CPEQ), webinar

- May 31, 2022

- New Application Requirements Under the Québec Environmental Authorization Regime, Québec Business Council on the Environment (CPEQ), webinar

- November 17, 2021

Representative Matters: Environment, Municipal, Energy and Natural Resources

- Acted for a technology client in its acquisition of a data centre and provided post-acquisition support for assessing environmental compliance of acquired activities;
- Assisted commercial clients in the environmental management of several sites following discontinuation or change of use of certain activities;
- Acted for a client in a bid process for the acquisition of a portfolio of renewable energy projects;
- Assisted industrial client in obtaining key environmental approvals;
- Acted for real estate clients in its pre-acquisition environmental due diligence;
- Acted for a private equity client in its acquisition of a company with assets in Quebec (environmental due diligence, review and negotiation of environmental provisions in agreements, post-acquisition follow-ups);
- Assisted a client in the aeronautical industry on management of its environmental compliance;
- Acted for a client in the forestry industry in its acquisition of a Canadian company (environmental due diligence, review and negotiation of environmental provisions of agreements, post-acquisition follow-ups);
- Assisted a mining client in the environmental management of a contaminated site;
- Assisted a client in the waste industry with various environmental issues;
- Counselling and performed verification on energy regulatory matters in Quebec;

- Counselling and performed verification on municipal regulatory matters, including zoning;

Construction, Procurement and Infrastructure

- Reviewed and negotiated, on behalf of a consortium member, the contracts for the Library and Archives Canada public-private partnership project for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new preservation centre in Ottawa;
- Drafted, reviewed and negotiated contracts for the procurement, construction and maintenance of a multi-service logistics centre for a Quebec retailer;
- Drafted, reviewed and negotiated construction, service and procurement contracts for a consortium of Canadian airports and provided strategic support in planning and structuring various projects;
- Drafted, reviewed and negotiated a long-term concession agreement for a Canadian port authority;
- Drafted, reviewed and negotiated contracts related to the development of a solar project in France for a Quebec-based equipment manufacturer;
- Reviewed the main model contracts for a key manufacturer in the aeronautics industry and prepared training material for employees;
- Drafted and negotiated tender documents and contracts for a pharmaceutical company's plant expansion;
- Reviewed tender and contract documents related to a renovation and expansion project for a religious community;
- Reviewed and negotiated contracts on behalf of Pomerleau Inc. for the second phase of the public-private partnership of the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal;

Teaching Engagements:

- Université Laval, Faculty of Law (2015 – present)

Industries: Energy, Forest Products, Mining

Practices: Environment, Municipal, Land Use Planning & Development