

RADHA CURPEN*



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Radha Curpen is a highly sought-after legal expert on environmental, Indigenous relations, governance, regulatory, climate change, human rights, crisis management and sustainability matters. She is Group Head of McMillan's ESG and Sustainability practice and also serves as McMillan's National Client Relationship Ambassador, an advisory role that expands McMillan's strong commitment to client relations and service.

Trusted on the most high-profile matters, Radha has acted for some of North America's largest and most well-known organizations in the energy, infrastructure, natural resources, agribusiness, industrial, consumer goods and mining sectors. Her clients include corporations, boards of directors, special committees and Indigenous communities as well as governmental and regulatory agencies globally. She practices across Canada and also advises on cross-border issues, including those relating to the United States.

With unmatched experience in several areas, including corporate strategy, commercial transactions,

prosecutions, project development, operational matters and reputation management, Radha assists her clients in identifying risks associated with environmental, social, regulatory and public policy. Her advice is highly beneficial for environmental and impact assessments, the transportation of dangerous goods, renewables projects, partnerships with Indigenous communities, negotiating on participations with Indigenous communities and contaminated sites, as well as crisis prevention and management.

Radha provides exceptional advice on ESG strategy and solutions. Her strategic guidance informs a wide range of business decision-making and governance, embedding ESG into organizations. She counsels on and creates strategy to respond to shareholder activism in ESG. She also advises on ESG risks and opportunities, ESG reporting against standards, frameworks and certifications. Clients rely on her to defend environmental and regulatory prosecutions.

Also active in matters of ESG policy, Radha is a member of the ESG Advisory Council to the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation and a former member of British Columbia's ESG Advisory Council to the Minister of Finance. She is also a member of the Canadian Association of Pension Supervisory Authorities' ESG Industry Working Group, supporting the development of an ESG guide for pension fund investment and pension plan administrators.

Radha's environment practice includes advising on climate change programs, renewable project development, emissions, carbon offsets, control measures, credits and trading under regulatory regimes, ESG disclosure and sustainable business strategy, policy and protocol. She also contributed to the launch of Mondaq's ESG Guide, comparing ESG frameworks and other essential ESG regulations from various jurisdictions around the world.

Her extraordinary breadth of expertise spans human rights issues, including modern slavery, supply chain risk and operational risk in connection with business disruptions, inspections and regulations.

An engaged member of Western Canada's business community, Radha is an experienced corporate director and a member of the Business Council of British Columbia's board of governors. Further, she is the immediate past chair of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and a member of its Council of Governors.

Radha has previously served as a managing partner at the Vancouver office of a national law firm, which she helped grow from ten lawyers to over 125 lawyers and professional staff. She is also personally engaged in her community through a variety of special engagements and appointments.

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Expertise: Environment, Indigenous, Corporate Governance, Energy, Mining

Language Spoken: English, French

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Location: Vancouver

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Position/Title: Partner, Business Law | National Client Relationship Ambassador and Group Head, ESG and Sustainability

Community Involvement:

- Board of Governors of Business Council of BC
- Board of Directors and Member of the Executive Council of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade
- Council of Governors of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Member, Council of Governors, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, April 2024 – Present
- Member, ESG Advisory Council for the B.C. Provincial Government's Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation, December 2023 – Present
- Member, ESG Advisory Council for the B.C. Provincial Government's Ministry of Finance, January 2022 – June 2023
- Chair, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, November 2022 – October 2023
- Member, Board of Directors of Innergex Renewable Energy, December 2022 – Present
- Member, ESG Industry Working Group, the Canadian Association of Pension Supervisory Authorities' (CAPSA), 2021 – 2023
- Member, Industry Advisory Board, Longbow Capital, November 2021 – Present
- Member, Board of Governors of the Business Council of British Columbia, January 2019 – Present
- Member, Board of Directors of Windmill Microlending, January 2019 – April 2022

Publications:

- "[The Chambers ESG 2024 Guide](#)" coauthor with Jennie Baek, Jason Haley, Sharon G.K. Singh, William Pellerin and Beth Riley, Chamber and Partners (November 12, 2024)
- "[Navigating Water Scarcity: Legal Implications And Impact On Alberta's Industries](#)" coauthor with Sharon

G.K. Singh, Kevin Myson and Martin Ignasiak, Mondaq (April 17, 2024)

- [“B.C. And Haida Nation Release Haida Title Lands Agreement”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, Laurie C. Wright and David Bursey, Mondaq (April 4, 2024)
- [“Canadian Sustainability Standards Board Announces Proposed Sustainability Disclosure Standards”](#) coauthor with Bosa Kosoric, Sharon G.K. Singh and Abbas Khan, Mondaq (March 28, 2024)
- [“British Columbia Announces a Pause on Mining in Gitxaala and Ehattesaht Nations Territories”](#) coauthor with Sharon G.K. Singh, Melanie Teetaert, Claire Lingley and Brienne Gloeckler, Lexology (March 19, 2024)
- [“US Securities and Exchange Commission Releases Long-Anticipated Climate-Related Disclosure Rules”](#) coauthor with Sharon G.K. Singh, Bosa Kosoric and Claire Lingley, Lexology (March 6, 2024)
- [“B.C. \\$1-Billion First Nations Equity Financing Framework”](#) coauthor with Sharon G.K. Singh, Oleg Shcheglov, Serge Dupont and David W. Bursey, Lexology (February 22, 2024)
- [“BC Output-Based Pricing System For Carbon Emissions”](#) coauthor with Sharon G.K. Singh and Claire Gibson, Mondaq (March 12, 2024)
- [“Chambers ESG 2023 Practice Guide for Canada”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, Sarah Gilbert, John Piasta and Bosa Kosoric, Chambers Canada, 2023
- [“Redesigning British Columbia's Mineral Exploration System”](#) coauthor with James D. Beeby and Sharon Singh, Mondaq (November 8, 2023)
- [“International Sustainability Standards Board Releases Sustainability Disclosure Standards”](#) Lexology (August 1, 2023)
- [“Electrification of Vehicles, Industry, Prompts BC Hydro's First Call for Power in 15 Years”](#) coauthor with Duncan M. McPherson, Sharon G.K. Singh and David W. Bursey, Lexology (July 2023)
- [“Federal Government Seeks Input On Draft PFAS Report And Risk Management Scope”](#) coauthor with Sarah Gilbert, Julia Schatz and Sharon Singh, Mondaq (May 31, 2023)
- [“No Time To Waste—Consultation Open On Federal Plastics Initiatives”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, Sarah Gilbert, Venetia Whiting and Claire Gibson, Mondaq (May 12, 2023)
- [“Canada Introduces Mandatory Forced Labour Prevention Reporting Legislation”](#) coauthor with Sabrina Bandali, Jessica Horwitz, Sharon Singh and Laurie C. Wright, Mondaq (May, 10, 2023)
- [“Balancing Act: Facilitating Trade and Worker Protection under the Hazardous Products Regulations”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, Venetia Whiting and Claire Gibson, Lexology (January, 2023)
- [“British Columbia Releases Guidance on Consultation With Indigenous Peoples in Policy and Legislative Development Process”](#) coauthor with David W. Bursey and Sharon G. K. Singh, Lexology (December, 2022)
- [“Practical Ways to Embed ESG Into a Business Strategy”](#) Greater Vancouver Board of Trade (November 15, 2022)

- [“Environmental, Social and Governance Considerations in Pension Plan Management”](#) Radha was member of the CAPSA working group that drafted this guideline, Canadian Association of Pension Supervisory Authorities’ (CAPSA), (June 9, 2022)
- [“National Indigenous Economic Strategy Rebuilding Indigenous Economies”](#) coauthor with Laurie C. Wright, Sharon Singh and Serge Dupont, Mondaq (June 27, 2022)
- [“How to Build a Centennial Brand”](#) Greater Vancouver Board of Trade (April 19, 2022)
- [“Revisiting Advance Costs for Public Interest Litigation: Beaver Lake Cree Nation Case”](#) coauthor with David Bursey and Sharon Singh, JDSUPRA (April 12, 2022)
- [“Indigenous Reconciliation And The Climate: A Review Of Two Of Canada's Priorities In 2022”](#) coauthor with Manpreet Dhillon, Serge Dupont and Sharon Singh, Mondaq (April 1, 2022)
- [“Potential Implications Of B.C. Supreme Court Decision: Thomas And Saik'uz First Nation v Rio Tinto Alcan Inc.”](#) coauthor with Clarie Linglet, David Bursey and Sharon Singh, Mondaq (February 14, 2022)
- [“What Does The Glasgow Climate Pact Mean For Canada?”](#) coauthor with Claire Lingley, Serge Dupont and Sharon Singh, Mondaq (November 22, 2021)
- “Canada Opens Initial Consultations on New Carbon Pricing Mechanism” coauthor with Valerie Hughes, Thomas McInerney, Sharon Singh, Sabrina Bandali, Darrel Pearson and Sylvan Lange, Environmental Liability, Lawtext Publishing Limited (August 2021) pg. 28-30
- [“Recent Developments in Aboriginal Law: Cumulative Effects, Equitable Compensation and Duty to Consult”](#) coauthor with Deirdre Sheehan, David Bursey, Radha Curpen, Tegan Heywood, Erik Coates, Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects (August 30, 2021)
- [“Canada Opens Initial Consultations On New Carbon Pricing Mechanism”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, Sabrina Bandali and Darrel Pearson, Mondaq (August 23, 2021)
- [“British Columbia Announces Hydrogen Strategy”](#) coauthor with Duncan M. McPherson and Sharon Singh, Mondaq (July 16, 2021)
- [“ESG in B.C. - An opportunity for a sustainable economy”](#) coauthor with Greg D’Avignon, *Business Council of British Columbia* (July 7, 2021)
- [“Indigenous Persons from the United States May Hold Aboriginal Rights in Canada”](#) coauthor with David Bursey and Sharon Singh, JDSUPRA (May 4, 2021)
- [“Canadian Ombudsperson For Responsible Enterprise Launches Human Rights Complaints Process”](#) coauthor with Sander A.J.R. Grieve, Sharon Singh, Darrel Pearson and Sabrina Bandali, *Mondaq* (April 1, 2021)
- [“The Canada Infrastructure Bank Launches Indigenous Community Infrastructure Initiative”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, *Mondaq* (March 30, 2021)
- [“Canada Announces The Critical Minerals List”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh and Sander Grieve, *Mondaq*

(March 16, 2021)

- [“The Power of Now in Canada’s Energy Industry”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh and Duncan McPherson, *Mondaq* (December 24, 2020)
- [“Federal Government Fulfills Promise To Introduce UNDRIP Legislation”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh and Sean Assié, *Mondaq* (December 9, 2020)
- [“A Renewed Effort To Introduce Legislation To Combat Modern Slavery In Corporate Supply Chains”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, Sabrina Bandali and Darrel Pearson, *Mondaq* (December 4, 2020)
- [“Federal Government introduces Bill C-12 to Mandate 2050 Net-Zero Emission Requirements”](#) coauthor with Thomas McInerney, Sharon Singh, Parker Mckibbon and Kenryo Mizutani, *Lexology* (November 19, 2020)
- [“Corporations Are Not Entitled To The Constitutional Right Against Cruel And Unusual Punishment”](#) coauthor with Nina Butz, John Gilmore and Sharon Singh, *Mondaq* (November 13, 2020)
- [“The Government Of Canada Announces \\$10-Billion Infrastructure Growth Plan”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, William Osler, Jason Roth and Rita Cherevychko, *Mondaq* (October 6, 2020)
- [“Deadline for the Implementation of Environmental Emergency Plans Fast Approaching”](#) coauthor with Sharon G.K. Singh, Sarah E. Gilbert and Julia N. Pasiaka, *Lexology* (June 11, 2020)
- [“Environmental, Social And Governance Considerations And The Investor Perspective”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh and James D. Beeby, *Mondaq* (June 6, 2020)
- [“Memorandum Of Understanding On Wet’suwet’en Rights And Title—An Ambitious Plan”](#) coauthor David Bursey and Sharon Singh, *Mondaq* (May 14, 2020)
- [“Consultation And Engagement With Indigenous Peoples During COVID-19”](#) coauthor with *Mondaq* (May 19, 2020)
- [“New Exemptions And Specific Requirements For Producing And Transporting Hand Sanitizer During COVID-19”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh and Venetia Whiting, *Mondaq* (April 25, 2020)
- [“B.C.’s Use of Extraordinary Powers and the Implications on Businesses in the Supply Chain”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, *JDSUPRA* (April 3, 2020)
- [“Environmental And Regulatory Compliance Issues For The Natural Resources Sectors During COVID-19”](#) co-author with Sharon Singh and Sarah Gilbert, *Mondaq* (April 8, 2020)
- [“Leading Through COVID-19 - Partnerships, Communities, Suppliers And Stakeholders”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh, *Mondaq* (April 28, 2020)
- [“The Road to Success for B.C.’s Energy Industry,”](#) in Sounding Board, *Vancouver Board of Trade* (December 2020)
- [“British Columbia’s UNDRIP Legislation - A Framework to Advance”](#) in *British Columbia’s UNDRIP Legislation – A Framework to Advance*, coauthor with Sharon Singh, David Bursey and Charlotte Teal,

CBA Business Law Quarterly, Q4 2019

- [“British Columbia's UNDRIP Legislation—A Framework To Advance Reconciliation”](#) coauthor with Sharon Singh and David Burse, *Mondaq* (November 20, 2019)
- [“Indigenous Rights in the ABA Publication”](#) in The Lawyer’s Corporate Social Responsibility Deskbook, *American Bar Association* (2019)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the British Columbia Bar

Year: 2016

Degree: Called to the New York Bar

Year: 2006

Degree: Called to the Ontario Bar

Year: 1999

Degree: Called to the Manitoba Bar

Year: 1986

Degree: Université de Moncton

University: LLB

Year: 1985

Degree: Collège Universitaire de Saint-Boniface / University of Manitoba

University: BA

Year: 1982

Media Mentions:

- [“ESG views on boards move from liability concerns to long-term sustainability”](#) by Zena Olijnyk, *Canadian Lawyer*, August 9, 2022
- [“ESG benefiting from enhanced standardization”](#) by Aidan Macnab, *Lexpert*, April 20, 2022
- [“Heyman defends climate and energy policies”](#) by Nelson Bennett, *Business Intelligence for B.C.*, December 14, 2021
- [“Why Canadian companies are preparing for a wave of ESG cases coming their way”](#) by Julius Melnitzer,

Financial Post, October 6, 2021

- [“ESG and the ‘triple bottom line’”](#) by Carolynne James, *CBA/ABC National*, September 7, 2021
- [“Radha Curpen set herself on a path to distinguish herself in environmental law, ESG”](#) by Zena Olijnyk, *Canadian Lawyer*, July 22, 2021
- [“How litigation is driving the corporate focus on environmental, social and governance \(ESG\) matters”](#) by Elizabeth Raymer, *Canadian Lawyer*, April 15, 2021
- [“Forces of change”](#) by Jennifer Brown, *CBA/ABC National*, April 12, 2021
- [“Featured Lawyer: Radha D. Curpen”](#) Raise the Bar Legal Access & Diversity Initiative, January 5, 2021

Rankings & Recognition:

- Recognized in 2025 Lexpert Cross-Border 500 Guide as a leading lawyer in the area of ESG
- Recognized by Chambers Canada (2025) as a leading lawyer in the areas of Aboriginal Law and Environmental Law
- Recognized as a leading lawyer in the 2024 Lexpert Special Edition on Energy and Mining
- Recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada (2025) as a leading lawyer in the areas of Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice, Environmental Law, and Oil and Gas Law
- Recognized in the 2024 Lexology Index: Canada Guide as a Recommended lawyer in the area of Environment
- Recognized in the Lexpert Report on Business Special Edition – Canada’s Leading ESG Lawyers as a leading ESG lawyer in Canada
- Recognized in the Vancouver magazine Power 50 List as #22 on the Power 50 List in 2024
- On the October 2023 cover of the BC Business Magazine
- Recipient of the 2023 Influential Women in Business Award from Business in Vancouver
- Recipient of the 2023 Inspiring Women Award from Drishti Magazine
- Chambers Canada Ranked for Environment
- Recognized as a Managing Partner in Business in Vancouver’s BC500 in the Law, 2021
- Chambers Global Ranked for Environment
- The Legal 500 Ranked as Leading Lawyer in Environment and Aboriginal Law
- The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Ranked as Repeatedly Recommended in Aboriginal Law, Energy (Oil & Gas) and ESG
- Recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada for Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice, Environmental Law, Oil and Gas Law

- Finance Monthly's Environment Lawyer of the Year – Canada
- Recognized in Lexpert Special Edition on Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers as a leading energy lawyer in Canada
- Recognized in the Lexpert Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers as a leading infrastructure lawyer in Canada
- Recognized in the Lexpert Special Edition on Canada's Leading Litigation Lawyers as a leading litigation lawyer in Canada
- Recognized in the Lexpert Special Edition on Agribusiness and Cannabis as a leading agribusiness and cannabis lawyer in Canada
- Recognized by Who's Who Legal: Canada as a leading lawyer in the area of Environmental Law
- Recognized by Who's Who Legal: Environment & Climate Change as one of the world's leading environmental lawyers
- Recipient of the Women in Law Leadership 2020 Stronger Together Award

Speaking Engagements:

- Panelist, The Legal Innovation Forum, Vancouver

- November 20, 2024

- <https://www.liforum.co/van24>

- Speaker, UBC Women in Cardiology Dinner Evening, the UBC Division of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, Vancouver

- November 18, 2024

- <https://www.ubccardio.com/event/ubc-women-in-cardiology-dinner-evening/>

- Speaker, Session on Opportunity and Vision for ESG in British Columbia, Business Council of British Columbia (BCBC)

- Speaker, "Practical Ways to Drive Strong ESG Performance in Your Company" Global Counsel Leaders

- 2021

- Speaker "Back to Work Does Not Mean Back to Normal" at CCA National Conference, Canadian Corporate Council Association

- 2021

- [https://www.ccca-accje.org/Conference-2021/Program-\(1\)/Plenary-Panel-Closing](https://www.ccca-accje.org/Conference-2021/Program-(1)/Plenary-Panel-Closing)

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- Speaker, “ESG Considerations for Major Project Developers” at the Indigenous Sustainable Investment Conference, First Nations Major Project Coalition
 - 2021

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- Speaker, International Women’s Day Webinar, The International Academy of Financial Crime Litigators
 - March 10, 2021
 - Upload File

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- Panelist, “Climate-Associated Risks and Opportunities: An Overview of Emerging Issues,” Institute of Corporate Directors
 - November 2020
 - Upload File

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- Speaker, “COVID-19 Restart Webinar Series” Mondaq
 - 2020
 - Upload File

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- Speaker, Women in Leadership Conference, FCI-CWI, Vancouver
 - November 13, 2024

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<https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/cl-talk/radha-curpen-at-bennett-jones-llp-on-how-law-firms-should-understand-intersectionality/384470>

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- Speaker, Canadian Lawyer Magazine’s Women in Law Summit, Toronto
 - April 17, 2024

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<https://www.pragilis.com/podcast/episode/7ab97837/radha-curpen-vice-chair-vancouver-managing-partner-and-national-leader-esg-strategy-and-solutions>

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- Guest, CL Talk Podcast, Canadian Lawyer
 - March 2024

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<https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/cl-talk/radha-curpen-at-bennett-jones-llp-on-how-law-firms-should-understand-intersectionality/384470>

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- Speaker, Equity Diversity and Inclusion Forum, The Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, Vancouver
 - June 2023
 - <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/arc-energy-ideas/id1438664577?i=1000579370544>

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- Guest, How I Lead Change, Pragilis
 - September 15, 2022

- <https://www.pragilis.com/podcast/episode/7ab97837/radha-curpen-vice-chair-vancouver-managing-partner-and-national-leader-esg-strategy-and-solutions>

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- Guest, ARC Energy Ideas Podcast, ARC Energy Research Institute
 - September 2022
 - <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/arc-energy-ideas/id1438664577?i=1000579370544>

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- Speaker, ESG Summit, Canadian Lawyer, Toronto
 - October 12, 2022

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- Speaker, "Meaning-Driven Leadership – The Road for Authentic Leadership" at Women in Law Global Rainmakers Summit,
 - 2022
 - <https://summit.wilgrs.com/talks/meaning-driven-leadership-the-road-for-authentic-leadership/>

Representative Matters: Corporate Governance

- Acted for investors in developing due diligence and ESG programs tailored to their investment strategies and investor preferences
- Acted for clients in various sectors in the development and implementation of programs for supply chain issues, environment and ESG
- Acted for boards of directors on corporate governance issues relating to environmental matters
- Advised public companies on strategies relating to shareholder activism and ESG issues
- Advised both private and public companies on developing greenwashing risks
- Advised companies and boards on crisis planning, responses and management
- Advise companies and boards on voluntary and mandatory disclosures, due diligence and risk mitigation

Environment

- Acted for a client in the defence and resolution of a class action related to the Lac Mégantic derailment in Québec
- Acted for a client in the defence and resolution of investigations related to the Lac Mégantic derailment
- Successfully negotiated agreements with regulators across several jurisdictions in Canada and the United States limiting environmental liability for businesses in various sectors
- Negotiated hundreds of successful transactions requiring protective measures relating to environmental issues in multiple jurisdictions and various sectors
- Advised on environmental assessments for decades in multiple jurisdictions and under various changing regimes
- Acted for a client in developing a strategy to deal with regulators on significant environmental issues from British Columbia to Québec
- Acted for a client in managing regulatory issues on more than 600 sites in several provinces, including successfully negotiating with regulators in many provinces
- Acted for clients in obtaining approval for remediation of former industrial sites and for the changes in use of sites adjacent to residential developments
- Acted for a client in successfully negotiating an innovative and cost-effective approach to onsite remediation of a large contaminated industrial site after the regulator ordered the company to “dig and haul away”
- Acted for Global Container Terminals in its proposed development of Deltaport Expansion Berth 4
- Acted for lenders in the realization of the assets of indebted polluters and in negotiating agreements with the regulators, limiting the lenders' liability
- Acted for manufacturers, pulp and paper mills operators, oil companies and clients in other industrial sectors in defending claims relating to environmental issues arising out of purchase and sale agreements involving sites in, among other places, Ontario, Manitoba, Québec and Italy; and in dealing with environmental issues
- Acted for clients as part of the strategic teams defending class actions relating to incidents in various sectors
- Acted for clients in more than one province in preparing for regulatory inspections and investigations, strategizing during and after regulatory investigations, and defending investigations
- Acted for clients in successfully settling civil litigation cases dealing with contaminated sites
- Acted for clients on emerging environmental issues and in the development of corporate strategies to integrate the requirements of both Canadian and US laws
- Acted for clients on integrating compliance with the requirements of Canadian and US laws relating to

specific emissions

- Acted for clients on the implementation of their environmental management systems in Canada and the United States
- Acted for clients in successfully persuading the regulator to consider an addition to an existing industrial facility as a change in process, which received the regulator's written approval as opposed to a development requiring a licensing process
- Acted for clients in successfully persuading the regulator to enter into innovative agreements to effectively limit the liability of purchasers and lenders of industrial and commercial operations, which allowed commercial transactions to proceed
- Acted for clients in successfully persuading the regulator to not prosecute a company and its directors after the company was accused of dumping dangerous goods
- Acted for clients in successfully persuading the regulator to reverse its decision of not granting a licence to a waste disposal operation
- Acted for clients in successfully persuading the regulator to withdraw administrative orders issued relating to contaminated sites and their remediation
- Acted for industrial operators, owners and occupiers in the defence and resolution of civil litigation cases dealing with contaminated sites in various provinces in Canada
- Acted for industry on federal and provincial environmental assessment issues in the context of resource development
- Acted for issuers of bonds and equity on environmental disclosure issues
- Acted for purchasers or vendors in various sectors (agriculture, brownfields redevelopment, chemical companies, energy, manufacturing, mining, oil and gas, port operations, forestry, pulp and paper, shipbuilding, transportation, waste, waste management and wind power) on significant commercial transactions and regulatory issues in all Canadian provinces and the United States
- Acted for clients in various sectors on climate change considerations in the context of commercial transactions
- Acted for issuers and underwriters in climate change disclosure issues
- Acted for clients in different industrial sectors in the development of corporate strategies on climate change
- Acted for a company and its director in the successful defence of a quasi-criminal prosecution by making a preliminary motion for dismissal on the basis that the environmental officer's notes were not available to the defence

Indigenous

- Acted for a First Nation in Ontario in its negotiations with a mining company arising out of the development of a mining project
- Acted for a First Nation in Québec on self-government issues, including appearance and obtaining court orders at the Federal Court
- Acted for a government on behalf of various First Nations as a lead counsel in the defence of a multi-million-dollar arbitration dealing with, among others, environmental and Indigenous issues and impacts of a project
- Acted for a soil treatment facility proponent in managing environmental assessment and Indigenous issues
- Acted for a utility relating to hydroelectric mitigation projects that required federal and provincial environmental assessments and consultation with First Nations and related agencies
- Acted for clients in project development and approval, including with various levels of government and Indigenous communities
- Acted for clients in the defence and settlement of complex environmental issues, including claims for stigma, remediation, and migration of contamination to neighbouring properties
- Acted for industry on Indigenous issues and duty to consult concerning specific projects

Teaching Engagements:

- Directors College, McMaster University, 2023 and 2024
- Osgoode Certificate in ESG, Climate Risk & the Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2021 and 2022
- CSR and Sustainability Course, University of Toronto, 2013, 2014 and 2015
- Certificate in Mining, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2014
- Environmental Law, University of Manitoba Law School, 1997-1999

Industries: Energy, Mining

Practices: Environment, Indigenous, Corporate Governance