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Sharon Singh is the co-head of McMillan's Indigenous and Environment practices and is renowned for guiding businesses on environmental, Indigenous, ESG, and human rights matters. With nearly two decades of experience, Sharon has a proven track record delivering strategic, practical and tailored solutions to some of Canada's leading businesses. Her industry expertise encompasses mining, energy, infrastructure, construction, manufacturing and agribusiness.

As a thought leader and leading practitioner, Sharon's approach emphasizes the importance of collaborative relationships, particularly with Indigenous nations, local communities, and regulatory bodies. She has built trusted relationships with industry stakeholders, government agencies and the non-profit sector, leveraging her extensive experience to provide focused legal advice.

In terms of Indigenous relations, Sharon negotiates benefit, partnership, and other collaboration agreements.

She also assists in structuring equity participation by Indigenous communities in natural resources and infrastructure projects, complementing this with advice on securing financing and permitting on reserve or Treaty lands.

In her environmental and regulatory practice, Sharon excels in navigating complex regulatory frameworks and environmental assessments, assisting clients with achieving operational success, partly informed by her experience working for an international mining company. She also advises on transportation of dangerous goods, conducts regulatory audits, as well as on sale and redevelopment of contaminated sites.

A strong advocate for sustainability, she helps organizations evaluate their key and rapidly evolving ESG risks and opportunities, including guiding clients on ESG policies and disclosures, establishing human rights due diligence, and product stewardship.

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Expertise: Construction & Infrastructure, Energy, Environment, Indigenous, Mining

Language Spoken: English, Punjabi

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Location: Vancouver

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Position/Title: Partner, Environment | Indigenous

Community Involvement:

- Member, Board of Directors, Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance (January 2014 – December 2014)
- Nominations Committee of Women of Distinction Awards, YWCA Metro Vancouver (September 2015 – April 2017)
- Member, Board of Directors, D.A.R.E.BC Society (January 2017 – November 2019)
- Advisory Member, Land Access and Use and Aboriginal Relations Committees, Association for Mineral Exploration (May 2016 – Present)

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Member, Board of Directors, British Columbia Energy Regulator
- Member, Board of Directors, Mining Association of British Columbia
- Chair, Association for Mineral Exploration's Mineral Tenure Act modernization committee
- Association for Mineral Exploration's Mineral Tenure Act Policy & Government Relations Committee
- Business Council of British Columbia's Aboriginal, Environmental and Community committees
- Mining Association of Canada's Aboriginal, Environmental and Regulatory Affairs, TSM and International Social Responsibility, and Aboriginal Affairs committees
- Executive Committee, Canadian Bar Association Natural Resources Law section of the British Columbia chapter
- Member, Board of Directors, Immigrant Employment Council of B.C
- Member, Board of Directors, CKNW Kids Fund
- Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, Greater Vancouver (British Columbia Division)
- Vice Chair - Policy, NEXT Leaders Council (September 2012 – December 2022)
- Member, Board of Directors, EasyPark (June 2019 – June 2021)
- Principal Advisor, Rio Tinto (January 2007 - May 2015)
- Advisory Council, Business Council of British Columbia & BC Chamber of Commerce (October 2011 – September 2013)

Publications:

- "[The Chambers ESG 2024 Guide](#)" coauthor with Jennie Baek, Jason Haley, Radha Curpen, William Pellerin and Beth Riley, Chamber and Partners (November 12, 2024)
- "[Navigating Water Scarcity: Legal Implications And Impact On Alberta's Industries](#)" coauthor with Radha Curpen, Kevin Myson and Martin Ignasiak, Mondaq (April 17, 2024)
- "[B.C. And Haida Nation Release Haida Title Lands Agreement](#)" coauthor with Radha Curpen, Laurie C. Wright and David Burse, Mondaq (April 4, 2024)
- "[Canadian Sustainability Standards Board Announces Proposed Sustainability Disclosure Standards](#)" coauthor with Bosa Kosoric, Radha Curpen and Abbas Khan, Mondaq (March 28, 2024)
- "[British Columbia Announces a Pause on Mining in Gitxaala and Ehattesaht Nations Territories](#)" coauthor with Radha Curpen, 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 Radha Curpen, Bosa Kosoric and Claire Lingley, Lexology (March 6, 2024)
- "[B.C. \\$1-Billion First Nations Equity Financing Framework](#)" coauthor with Radha Curpen, Oleg Shcheglov,

- Serge Dupont and David W. Bursey, Lexology (February 22, 2024)
- [“BC Output-Based Pricing System For Carbon Emissions”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen and Claire Gibson, Mondaq (March 12, 2024)
 - [“Chambers ESG 2023 Practice Guide for Canada”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen, Sarah Gilbert, John Piasta and Bosa Kosoric, Chambers Canada, 2023 (November 9, 2023)
 - [“Redesigning British Columbia’s Mineral Exploration System”](#) coauthor with James D. Beeby and Radha Curpen, Mondaq (November 8, 2023)
 - [“Electrification of Vehicles, Industry, Prompts BC Hydro’s First Call for Power in 15 Years”](#) coauthor with Duncan M. McPherson, Radha Curpen 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 Radha Curpen, Mondaq (May 31, 2023)
 - [“No Time To Waste—Consultation Open On Federal Plastics Initiatives”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen, 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, Radha Curpen and Laurie C. Wright, Mondaq (May, 10, 2023)
 - [“Balancing Act: Facilitating Trade and Worker Protection under the Hazardous Products Regulations”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen, 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 Radha Curpen, Lexology (December, 2022)
 - [“National Indigenous Economic Strategy Rebuilding Indigenous Economies”](#) coauthor with Laurie C. Wright, Radha Curpen and Serge Dupont, Mondaq (June 27, 2022)
 - [“Revisiting Advance Costs for Public Interest Litigation: Beaver Lake Cree Nation Case”](#) coauthor with David Bursey and Radha Curpen, 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 Radha Curpen, 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 Radha Curpen, Mondaq (February 14, 2022)
 - [“What Does The Glasgow Climate Pact Mean For Canada?”](#) coauthor with Claire Lingley, Serge Dupont and Radha Curpen, Mondaq (November 22, 2021)
 - “Canada Opens Initial Consultations on New Carbon Pricing Mechanism” coauthor with Valerie Hughes, Thomas McInerney, Radha Curpen, Sabrina Bandali, Darrel Pearson and Sylvan Lange, Environmental Liability, Lawtext Publishing Limited (August 2021) pg. 28-30
 - [“Canada Opens Initial Consultations On New Carbon Pricing Mechanism”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen, Sabrina Bandali and Darrel Pearson, Mondaq (August 23, 2021)

- [“Resource nationalism: A clear and present danger to Canadian Miners”](#), coauthor with Vasilis F.L Pappas and Artem N. Barsukov (August, 16, 2021)
- [“British Columbia Announces Hydrogen Strategy”](#) coauthor with Duncan M. McPherson and Radha Curpen, Mondaq (July 16, 2021)
- [“Indigenous Persons from the United States May Hold Aboriginal Rights in Canada”](#) coauthor with David Bursey and Radha Curpen, JDSUPRA (May 4, 2021)
- [“Canadian Ombudsperson For Responsible Enterprise Launches Human Rights Complaints Process”](#) coauthor with Sander A.J.R. Grieve, Radha Curpen, Darrel Pearson and Sabrina Bandali, Mondaq (April 1, 2021)
- [“The Canada Infrastructure Bank Launches Indigenous Community Infrastructure Initiative”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen, Mondaq (March 30, 2021)
- [“Canada Announces The Critical Minerals List”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen and Sander Grieve, Mondaq (March 16, 2021)
- [“The Power of Now in Canada's Energy Industry”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen and Duncan McPherson, Mondaq (December 24, 2020)
- [“Federal Government Fulfills Promise To Introduce UNDRIP Legislation”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen and Sean Assié, Mondaq (December 9, 2020)
- [“A Renewed Effort To Introduce Legislation To Combat Modern Slavery In Corporate Supply Chains”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen, 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, Radha Curpen, Parker Mckibbin 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 Radha Curpen, Mondaq (November 13, 2020)
- [“The Government Of Canada Announces \\$10-Billion Infrastructure Growth Plan”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen, William Osler, Jason Roth and Rita Cherevychko, Mondaq (October 6, 2020)
- [“Deadline for the Implementation of Environmental Emergency Plans Fast Approaching”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen, Sarah E. Gilbert and Julia N. Pasiaka, Lexology (June 11, 2020)
- [“Environmental, Social And Governance Considerations And The Investor Perspective”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen 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 Radha Curpen, Mondaq (May 14, 2020)
- [“New Exemptions And Specific Requirements For Producing And Transporting Hand Sanitizer During COVID-19”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen 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 Radha Curpen, JDSUPRA (April 3, 2020)
- [“Environmental And Regulatory Compliance Issues For The Natural Resources Sectors During COVID-19”](#) co-author with Radha Curpen and Sarah Gilbert, Mondaq (April 8, 2020)
- [“Leading Through COVID-19 – Partnerships, Communities, Suppliers And Stakeholders”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen, Mondaq (April 28, 2020)
- [“British Columbia’s UNDRIP Legislation – A Framework to Advance”](#) in British Columbia’s UNDRIP Legislation – A Framework to Advance, coauthor with Radha Curpen, David Burse and Charlotte Teal, CBA Business Law Quarterly, Q4 2019
- [“British Columbia’s UNDRIP Legislation—A Framework To Advance Reconciliation”](#) coauthor with Radha Curpen and David Burse, Mondaq (November 20, 2019)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the New Brunswick Bar

Year: 2018

Degree: Called to the British Columbia Bar

Year: 2015

Degree: LLM

University: Monash University

Year: 2008

Degree: Called to the Western Australia (AUS) Bar

Year: 2007

Degree: Called to the Victoria (AUS) Bar

Year: 2007

Degree: LLB (with first class honours)

University: Victoria University

Year: 2006

Degree: BBus (International Trade)

University: Victoria University

Year: 2006

Media Mentions:

- [“Developing, sustaining strong relationships crucial for Indigenous consultation in mining: lawyers”](#) by Aidan Macnab, *Lexpert* (September 09, 2024)
- [“Mining ESG focused on diversity, climate, supply chain transparency, and Indigenous relationships”](#) by Aidan Macnab, *Lexpert* (October 23, 2023)
- [“Alleged forced labour investigations highlight importance of engagement with ombudsperson: lawyers”](#) by Aidan Macnab, *Canadian Lawyer* (September 23, 2023)
- [“Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise exploring forced labor claims against Canadian companies”](#) by Aidan Macnab, *Canadian lawyer* (August 01, 2023)
- [“Water as a person concept growing – water usage regulation increasing”](#) by Paul Harris, *Mining Journal* (May 12, 2022)
- [“Water security will be growing focus of ESG issues in mining industry”](#) by Zana Olijnyk, *Canadian Lawyer* (April 12, 2022)
- [“Indigenous involvement in infrastructure evolving along with pathways for negotiation”](#) by Zana Olijnyk, *Canadian Lawyer* (October 16 2020)

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 area of Aboriginal Law
- Recognized in the 2024 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Most Frequently Recommended Lawyer in the area of Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG)
- Recognized in the 2024 Lexpert/ALM500 Guide
- Recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada (2025) as a Leading Lawyer in the areas of Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice
- Listed in the Legal500 (2024) as a Leading Lawyer – Aboriginal Law; Next Generation Partner – Indigenous Law
- Winner of the 2021 Lexpert Rising Stars Awards: Leading Lawyers Under 40
- Recognized in the BC500 Most Influential Business Leaders for Indigenous Rights
- Awarded the Wendy McDonald Award in the category of Women of Promise, presented by the Women’s Leadership Circle of the Vancouver Board of Trade

Speaking Engagements:

- Speaker, The Gathering Place 2/2, AME Roundup Conference, Vancouver
- January 22, 2025
- <https://roundup.amebc.ca/event/the-gathering-place-2-2/>

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- Moderator, Morning Keynote Address, 22nd Annual BC Natural Resources Forum, Prince George
 - January 16, 2025
 - <https://www.bciroc.ca/BPDwebsite/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/BCNRF-2025-Program-Single-Pages-Only-one-was-printed.pdf>

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- Moderator, Fireside Chat, BC Natural Resources Forum, Vancouver

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- Presenter, ESG Developments, The Assembly Canada Anti-Financial Crime Conference, ACAMS
 - November 17, 2023
 - <https://www.acams.org/en/staff/sharon-singh-speaker>

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- Panelist, Indigenous Workforce Development and Business Growth, Indigenous Opportunities Forum 2023: Building for Growth Together, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, Vancouver
 - September 15, 2023
 - <https://www.boardoftrade.com/events/7635>

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- Panelist, Navigating Climate Governance: Legal Update for Directors, Institute of Corporate Directors, Online
 - June 23, 2023
 - <https://www.icd.ca/education/icd-national-webinars/navigating-climate-governance-legal-update-for-directors>

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- Panelist, Building B.C.'s ESG Advantage, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, Vancouver
 - May 26, 2023
 - Link

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- Panelist, The Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada's annual conversation, Toronto
 - March 6, 2023
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- Speaker, the Addressing Diverse and Evolving Needs: Developing and Maximizing Indigenous Partnerships, The Canadian Institute's Managing Risk in Construction Contracts & Projects

- January 25, 2023

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- Speaker, The Gathering Place, Association for Mineral Exploration Roundup

- January 25, 2023

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<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2022-annual-general-meeting-cim-south-central-british-columbia-tickets-379878265117>

- Speaker, the Building Effective Partnerships with Indigenous Communities, Haskayne School of Business, Calgary

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<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2022-annual-general-meeting-cim-south-central-british-columbia-tickets-379878265117>

- Speaker, 2022 Annual General Meeting, Canadian Institute of Mining South Central British Columbia, British Columbia

- September 14, 2022

- Link

- Moderator, 2024 MSABC Professional Education Forum: Environmental, social and governance opportunities, risks and targets for the BC mining industry and the role of suppliers, MSABC Mining Suppliers Association of BC, Vancouver

- November 21, 2024

- <https://forwardsummit.ca/fs-west-coast-2024/>

- Speaker, 2022 Indigenous Partnership Success Showcase, Vancouver,

- May 26, 2022

- <https://www.indigenoussuccess.ca/agenda>

- Presenter, Resource Nationalism, The Canadian Bar Association, Online

- May 18, 2022

- https://www.cbapd.org/details_en.aspx?id=bc_bc22nat02r

- Moderator, Canadian Global Affairs Institute's Annual State of Trade Conference: Doing Trade in Disrupted Times, online

- March 8, 2022

- Link

- Moderator, 19th Annual BC Natural Resources Forum, Online

- Jan 18, 2022

- Link

- Panelist, Anti-Corruption Law Program: ESG in the Extractive Industries, the University of British Columbia, Online

- Panelist, ACAMS Canada Virtual Conference

- November 4, 2021

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- Moderator, 18th Annual BC Natural Resources Forum, Online

- January 26, 2021

- Link

- Speaker, COVID-19 Restart Webinar Series, Mondaq, Online

- July 8, 2020

- Panelist, UNDRIP and Major Project Development within Traditional Territories, First Nations Major Projects Coalition's 3rd Annual Industry Engagement Event, Prince George

- March 3, 2020

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- Moderator, Canadian Aboriginal Minerals Association, Toronto

- November 12, 2017

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- Speaker, LNG Development and Indigenous Communities in BC, Forward Summit | WEST COAST, Vancouver
 - October 22, 2024
 - <https://forwardsummit.ca/fs-west-coast-2024/>

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- Governing in the Public Interest 2024 Conference, Vancouver
 - April 26, 2024
 - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/governing-in-the-public-interest-2024-tickets-753376047037?aff=oddtcreator>

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- Speaker, Integrating Human Rights in Comprehensive Risk Analysis: Practical Guidance on Due Diligence for the Case Study, Special Institute on Human Rights, Natural Resources and Energy Law, Florida
 - April 11, 2024
 - <https://www.fnrel.org/-/media/files/conference-full-program-schedules/hr24news-online.pdf?la=en>

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- Speaker, Regulatory and Policy Frameworks, Small Modular Reactor Canada Summit, Edmonton
 - April 3, 2024
 - <https://www.smrcanada.com/summit/2024-conference-agenda/>

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- Panelist, The Impact of ESG and Human Rights Due Diligence on the Western Hemisphere Energy Sector, American Bar Association International Law Section, Huston
 - February 27, 2024

- https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/kbs2pzj?source_id=5da04eb3-7dfe-4f12-a98b-bec2488974f0&source_type=em&c=btQBJCiAhVi-3hbiJj2t-nl1hyK1urJ-viAM6GeHZdI7Ss-uCNsLsg==

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- Speaker, BCBC Roundtable: Land Act Amendments, Business Council of British Columbia, Vancouver
 - February 20, 2024

- https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/kbs2pzj?source_id=5da04eb3-7dfe-4f12-a98b-bec2488974f0&source_type=em&c=btQBJCiAhVi-3hbiJj2t-nl1hyK1urJ-viAM6GeHZdI7Ss-uCNsLsg==

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- AME Roundup Conference, Vancouver
 - January 22, 2024
 - <https://amebc.ca/event/ame-roundup-2024/>

Representative Matters:

- Advised Magna Mining Inc. to enter into definitive agreement to acquire producing copper mine in Sudbury from KGHM International Ltd.
- Advised Osisko Development Corp. on regulatory and Indigenous relations
- Advised Osisko Mining Regulatory and Indigenous relations on its approximately \$2 billion sale to Gold Fields, navigating complex regulatory landscapes
- Served as counsel in Lineage Logistics' acquisition of VersaCold Logistics Services, facilitating the transition of a leading Canadian refrigerated warehousing company
- Acted as Canadian counsel for Riverstone Holdings LLC in the US\$2.67 billion acquisition of International-Matex Tank Terminals, ensuring compliance with local regulations
- Provided legal guidance for Klondex Mines Ltd. during its US\$462 million acquisition by Hecla Mining Company under a Plan of Arrangement
- Supported Havilah Mining Corporation in its US\$52 million spin-out from Klondex Mines Ltd., including equity subscriptions by Hecla Mining Company
- Advised McEwen Mining Inc. on the US\$35 million cash purchase of the Black Fox Mine and associated assets from Primero Mining Corp
- Acted as Canadian counsel for Stone Canyon Industries Holdings LLC and Kissner Group Holdings in their US\$3.2 billion agreement to acquire K+S Aktiengesellschaft's North and South American salt business
- Advised Global Container Terminals on the proposed Deltaport Expansion Berth 4 project, addressing regulatory and environmental considerations
- Assisted Capital Regional District in the development of a new regional wastewater treatment system valued at over \$750 million, achieving provincial approval and resolving decades of debate among municipalities
- Advised Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on the Federal Review Panel during the judicial review appeal concerning the CEEA review of the Taseko New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project
- Guided Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation (VAFFC) counsel on First Nations community relations and regulatory approvals for the Vancouver Airport Fuel Delivery Project
- Advised City of Vancouver on the development of green district energy utilities, focusing on public utility regulatory aspects
- Offered guidance to Premier Gold Mines on Aboriginal and environmental matters related to its US\$45 million financing arrangements with Orion Mine Finance
- Provided comprehensive advice to Various Mining Companies on Aboriginal law, corporate governance, regulatory compliance, and commercial agreements
- Advised Oil Producers on corporate governance, anti-corruption initiatives, and regulatory compliance,

including defense strategies

- Assisted a court-appointed receiver in navigating Aboriginal and environmental issues for a public mining company operating in northern British Columbia
- Counseled Industrial Paint Manufacturer on product stewardship regulations and facilitated engagement with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority to resolve disputes
- Advised Pulp and Paper Manufacturer on environmental and regulatory compliance matters

Teaching Engagements:

- Instructor, Indigenous relations and Board governance, Rotman Directors Education Program (DEP), Institute of Corporate Directors

Industries: Construction & Infrastructure, Energy, Mining

Practices: Environment, Indigenous