The Evolution of Canada’s Carbon Markets and their Role in Energy Transition

Dana Saric, Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP

Dana Saric is a partner in the Banking and Financial Services Group at the law firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP. Dana’s practice focuses on project development and debt financing in the electrical power, agribusiness and energy infrastructure sectors. She has advised a broad range of bank and non-bank lenders and investors on energy project development, acquisitions, joint venture arrangements, bank and bond lending transactions and complex energy project financings. In addition to her project finance and corporate lending experience, Dana has significant experience in negotiating power purchase arrangements and other long-term offtake arrangements, and advising resource developers and offtakers on the opportunities and implications stemming from Canadian climate legislation and carbon markets.

Sander Duncanson, Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP

Sander specializes in environmental, regulatory and Indigenous law issues for natural resource developers, including oil and natural gas pipelines, oil sands (both mining and in situ), LNG, hydrogen, renewable energy, offshore drilling, hydro-electric generation, mining, natural gas processing, electricity transmission and contaminated lands. Sander is ranked by Chambers in Energy: Oil & Gas (Regulatory) and Aboriginal Law. Sander regularly lectures at the University of Calgary’s Faculty of Law on subjects such as administrative law, environmental law, environmental impact assessments and species at risk.

Jacob A. Sadikman, Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP

Jake Sadikman is a partner in the Energy and Infrastructure Group at the law firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP. His practice focuses on commercial aspects of the electricity sector, specializing in procurement, development, finance, construction and M&A matters relating to electricity generation, distribution and transmission assets. Jake is also active in the firm’s Derivatives Group, focusing on trading and marketplace activity matters for commodities and derivatives products. Jake is also active in the firm’s climate change-related practice areas and is experienced in various emissions trading and renewable energy credit trading markets and associated regulations.

Jake has acted for the IESO (previously the Ontario Power Authority) on a number of its most significant electricity resource procurement initiatives, including on the initial version of the renewable energy Feed-in Tariff Program, developed in connection with the Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009, and on various energy supply contracts for generation projects developed by Ontario Power Generation Inc. Jake has served as a director of the Canadian Solar Industries Association and regularly acts for developers, lenders and offtakers on renewable energy and emission reduction projects across Canada.
**Coleman Brinker, Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP**

Coleman is an associate at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in Calgary, Alberta. His practice focuses on environmental, regulatory, and Indigenous law issues relating to natural resource development projects in western Canada. He has experience with matters before the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Canada Energy Regulator and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and has worked on litigation matters before all levels of court in Alberta as well as the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal.

**Stephan Pacholok, Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP**

Stephan is an associate at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in Calgary, Alberta. His practice focuses on corporate finance and securities, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate matters for established and emerging companies. Stephan works with both private and public companies and his experience includes share and asset acquisitions and private placements. He also assists clients with debt financing and syndicated and non-syndicated bank loan transactions and public and private debt offerings in the capital markets.

**Landon Miller, Imperial Oil Limited**

Landon is legal counsel to Imperial Oil and the ExxonMobil companies in Canada. Landon advises on a variety of legal issues associated with Imperial and ExxonMobil’s operations in Canada, with a particular emphasis on regulatory and environmental compliance, sustainability, technology development and emission-reduction initiatives.
Restructuring and Insolvency Deals in the Oil Patch: Recent Trends and Developments

**Chris Simard, Bennett Jones LLP**

Chris Simard is a partner at Bennett Jones LLP in Calgary and is the co-head of the firm's Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group. His practice encompasses all areas of restructuring and bankruptcy as well as energy litigation. He acts for creditors, debtors, court-appointed monitors, receivers and trustees in bankruptcy and in large and complex insolvencies and restructurings.

In the area of energy litigation, Chris has advised energy companies on disputes arising out of CAPL, seismic and security agreements and on various matters related to Crown and Freehold leases.

Chris frequently writes and speaks on bankruptcy and restructuring issues. He has authored papers for the Canadian Energy Law Foundation, Canadian Institute seminars and Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals seminars.

**Kristos Iatridis, Bennett Jones LLP**

Kristos Iatridis is a partner at Bennett Jones LLP in Calgary and is co-head of the firm's Commercial Transactions Practice Group. Kristos' practice focuses on private M&A transactions, insolvency transactions and private equity.

Kristos Iatridis has a wide-ranging practice and diverse experience in the areas of private equity, mergers and acquisitions, securities and general corporate commercial law.

Kristos has also been integrally involved in the negotiation and drafting of large-scale construction contracts for clients that are active in Alberta's oil sands.

**Keely Cameron, Bennett Jones LLP**

Keely Cameron is a partner at Bennett Jones LLP in Calgary. Keely's practice focuses on Alberta's oil and gas regulatory regime, including licensing, environmental liability and transfer issues, and obligations during insolvency.

Keely Cameron is an experienced legal counsel with a solid business background. Her practice focuses primarily on assisting clients navigate Alberta's oil and gas regulatory regime, including licensing, environmental liability and transfer issues, as well as understanding regulatory obligations during insolvency proceedings. Keely's practice also includes employment law matters including the drafting of policies and terminations.

Keely also advises clients on the incorporation of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategies and has a strong interest in environmental and employment Class Actions.

Having previously worked at Alberta's Energy Regulator (AER), Keely has extensive experience on the full lifecycle of Alberta oil and gas matters, from permitting to compliance to remediation and reclamation. She was counsel for the AER on the Supreme Court of Canada decision involving Redwater Energy; the leading case on how environmental liabilities need to be addressed in an insolvency.
In 2019, Keely won the Litigation Management Award at the Western Canada General Counsel Awards held in Vancouver. She also won the Canadian Public Relations Society Bronze Award of Excellence 2019 for Canadian Issues/Crisis Management Campaign of the Year – Redwater Response. Keely is also a three-time recipient of the AER Regulatory Excellence Award and the 2018 recipient of the Canadian Lawyer Inhouse Innovation award for Litigation Management.

Keely has appeared before the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench, Court of Appeal, and Supreme Court of Canada.

Additionally, Keely teaches Administrative Law for the University of Calgary's Foreign Trained Lawyers Program.

Adam Williams, Bennett Jones LLP

Adam Williams is an associate at Bennett Jones LLP in Calgary and has a general litigation practice with a focus on insolvency.

Before becoming an associate at Bennett Jones, Adam served as a judicial clerk for Justice Brian K. O’Ferrall of the Alberta Court of Appeal. He also articled with the firm.
Alberta’s Renewable Energy Market – Developing Contract Issues

Scott Jeffers, TransAlta

Scott Jeffers oversees TransAlta’s corporate and commercial legal function and is also responsible for TransAlta’s corporate secretarial matters, including corporate governance, disclosure and securities compliance matters. He is also the Corporate Secretary for TransAlta Renewables Inc. Prior to joining TransAlta, Scott was an associate at Bennett Jones LLP where he practiced corporate and commercial law with an emphasis on public market transactions, including debt and equity financings and mergers and acquisitions. Scott has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary, a Masters of Business Administration from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University.

Ian Clarke, TransAlta

Ian Clarke is a lawyer in TransAlta’s Corporate Legal team. Ian predominately supports TransAlta’s Growth team and the company’s acquisition and development of North American renewable generation projects. Ian has negotiated power purchase agreements, engineering, procurement & construction agreements and turbine supply agreements supporting these projects and advises on related land acquisition, supply chain and interconnection matters.

David Eeles, Norton Rose Fulbright

David Eeles has over 25 years’ experience representing project developers, sponsors, industrial hosts and other project participants in connection with the acquisition, development, construction, financing, operation, restructuring and disposition of energy, infrastructure and industrial projects, including renewable energy projects, power plants, cogeneration plants, heavy oil upgraders and public-private partnership projects.

In the electricity area, he represented the AESO in the development and competitive procurement of the Fort McMurray West 500 kV Transmission Project, and with respect to the design and implementation of its Renewable Electricity Program for Alberta, pursuant to which nearly 1400 MW of wind generation was successfully contracted. He regularly assists clients with drafting and negotiating power purchase agreements, and with renewable energy project development matters.
Lincoln Mitchell, Norton Rose Fulbright

Lincoln Mitchell practices corporate and commercial law related to energy and infrastructure projects, assisting domestic and international clients on a broad range of energy sector and business matters, with a particular focus on renewable energy projects.

He has experience advising clients on share and asset acquisitions and divestitures, public-private partnerships, infrastructure and energy projects, project development and joint venture and partnership arrangements. He is experienced in negotiating, drafting and interpreting power purchase agreements, procurement documents, development agreements, midstream agreements, engineering, procurement and construction agreements, purchase and sale agreements, shareholder agreements, co-venture agreements and services agreements.

Robin Acworth, Norton Rose Fulbright

Robin Acworth is a commercial lawyer whose practice focusses on the upstream and midstream energy sectors, including renewables and LNG.

Robin has extensive experience advising on energy projects and transactions in Canada and in a broad range of other jurisdictions. His experience includes advising on the sale and purchase of commodities, transportation, construction and operation of terminals, pipelines, power generation facilities and other infrastructure, both onshore and offshore.

Robin is dual-qualified in England & Wales and Alberta and practised in London and Singapore before joining Norton Rose Fulbright in Calgary in 2018.

Kyle Havart-Crans, Norton Rose Fulbright

Kyle Havart-Crans practises regulatory law and commercial litigation, with a focus on the energy industry, including oil and gas, renewable energy, energy storage and alternative energy sources.

Kyle has worked on the acquisition and development of renewable energy projects. He also regularly assists with routine environmental and regulatory matters including permitting, applications and advising clients on a wide range of issues. Kyle also has experience with ESG issues, including greenhouse gas offset crediting and programs, Indigenous matters and net-zero initiatives.
Hydrogen Roadmap – Policy, Regulation and Prospects for Future Development In Alberta

Gavin Fitch, Q.C., McLennan Ross LLP

Gavin Fitch is an award-winning lawyer and Q.C. working in environmental, regulatory, energy permitting, and Indigenous law. He’s a respected and trusted advisor who provides sound, practical advice geared towards keeping his clients out of the hearing room. When necessary, however, he is a strong and fearless advocate, whether in negotiations or in a courtroom.

His clients include developers, energy producers, environmental monitoring agencies, governments and landowners. For each individual client, Gavin gives realistic and pragmatic advice to outline the best options for a successful outcome.

Gavin’s extensive experience is based in administrative law, whether it relates to municipal, environmental, energy, regulatory, or Indigenous matters. A degree in journalism and his talent for writing give him an advantage in this area of law where most advocacy is written.

In his environmental practice, he knows the important policy issues in detail and understands the delicate balance between environmental impact and economic development. He handles contaminated site litigation, as well as environmental approval and energy permitting processes for companies both provincially and federally under the Impact Assessment Act. Gavin’s experience covers mining projects, electric power facilities, including power plants, transmission lines and hydroelectric projects, as well as oil and gas facilities such as wells, pipelines, and processing plants.

Gavin also handles regulatory law for the environmental and energy sector, including wind farms and solar energy. He regularly represents clients before administrative tribunals such as the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Canadian Energy Regulator, the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board, the Surface Rights Board, and the Land Compensation Board.

In the complex area of Indigenous law, Gavin assists government agencies with matters including duty to consult and land claims. Notably, he acts as Canada’s Chief Negotiator in several Treaty and self-government negotiations in British Columbia and the Yukon.

Well-known for his practical and pragmatic advice, Gavin also has a talent for coming up with creative and innovative solutions. Thanks to his years of experience, he can pivot, change, and react as things happen in real-time to help his clients reach successful conclusions.

Michael Barbero, McLennan Ross LLP

Michael’s depth of experience allows him to execute strategies that are effective and focused. He actively cultivates positive relationships with his clients while providing forward-thinking advice on which they can depend.

Michael’s advocacy practice is focused on responding to the regulatory and litigation needs of Alberta’s resource companies. He has acted for both large and mid-sized oil and gas companies, power generation facility owners and operators, and national financial institutions in a host of disputes involving regulatory proceedings, commercial litigation, and commercial arbitrations. Michael’s representative experience includes acting for clients before regulatory bodies
(including the Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Utilities Commission, Natural Resources Conservation Board and Canada Energy Regulator) in relation to project approvals and related regulatory matters. These include approvals for a large combined-cycle gas fired power generating facility, multiple wind farm applications, sour gas well applications, and other large scale natural resource projects.

Further, Michael’s experience in the environmental sector extends to issues of climate change, environmental insurance, and surface rights.

A skilled litigator, Michael has appeared before all three levels of Alberta Courts (Provincial Court, Court of Queen’s Bench, and Court of Appeal) representing or assisting in the representation of international, national, and midsized corporations, national financial institutions, national insurance companies, resource developers, and national political parties.

Many of Michael’s clients are faced with the reality of a consistently changing regulatory landscape, often driven by political realities and decisions. He helps them navigate the dynamic terrain by working collaboratively, talking through issues, and maintaining a goal-oriented focus. Relationships and results are the cornerstones of Michael’s practice.

**Kimberly Wasylenchuk, McLennan Ross LLP**

Kimberly’s tenacity and perseverance set her apart. She pursues her clients’ interests relentlessly, yet efficiently.

Kimberly focuses her practice on insurance law as well as commercial and general litigation matters. A sharp and assured litigator, Kimberly revels in courtroom advocacy. She is perceptive, adaptable, and thinks quickly on her feet in those moments when it really matters. She has extensive drafting, trial, and appellate experience and has appeared before all levels of Court in Alberta, and the Provincial and Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Kimberly enjoys the intersection of law, policy, economics, and political science. She likes to engage with the law and facts, finding creative approaches to address difficult problems. Clients turn to her for advice that is relevant, effective, and well-thought-out.
Putting the ABC in ESG – The Role of Anti-Bribery and Corruption Compliance Programs in Enhancing ESG Commitments

Mark Morrison, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Mark is the National Practice Group Leader of the Blakes Business Crimes, Investigations & Compliance group. He is widely regarded as one of the leading white-collar and investigations lawyers in Canada with a particularly strong anti-corruption practice. His practice focuses on white-collar crime defence, anti-corruption compliance and internal investigations.

Mark regularly advises large corporate clients on compliance with criminal and regulatory legislation and has defended clients on charges under a wide variety of criminal and regulatory statutes, including criminal, anti-corruption, competition, securities, environmental, and occupational health and safety.

A significant component of Mark’s practice involves conducting independent investigations on sophisticated white-collar and anti-corruption matters. He also advises clients in responding to regulatory and criminal search warrants and investigations.

Mark regularly advises Canadian and multinational corporate clients on compliance with domestic and international anti-corruption legislation (including the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act (CFPOA)) and has conducted internal investigations and risk assessments on five continents for numerous multinational companies. He also assists clients with CFPOA/Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) due diligence during mergers and acquisitions.

Mark has played a key role on both of Canada’s most significant CFPOA enforcement cases to date. He served as independent counsel to the Board of Directors through the internal investigation of Canada’s largest CFPOA case to date. More recently, Mark has been appointed as the compliance monitor for SNC-Lavalin pursuant to the probation order imposed by the Quebec Court as part of its sentencing on charges of fraud in Libya.

On a pro bono basis, Mark has provided training to prosecutors and enforcement officials in Zimbabwe and expert testimony to the Canadian Senate during hearings to consider Canada’s new Remediation Agreement legislation.

Mark has also served on the Independent Investigations Advisory Board for one of the world’s largest mining companies, providing direction and oversight over all worldwide internal investigations.
Tom Booth, Shell Canada Limited

Tom is a lawyer with more than 15 years of broad-based experience in various ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) topics, primarily related to Ethics & Compliance but also Corporate Governance and environmental/emerging regulatory matters. Drawing also on his experiences as a commercial lawyer, Tom helps businesses find a practical way to navigate compliance risks in a wide range of transactions and situations, such as acquisitions/divestments, development and execution of business strategy, expansion of markets or lines of business, compliance and due diligence program review and design, employee training, and internal investigations and audits.

Tom's particular expertise is advising global businesses in the Energy Industry on Anti-Bribery and Corruption (FCPA, UKBA, and CFPOA), Anti-Money Laundering, and Antitrust / Competition Law compliance. Tom has advised businesses around the world, with his most extensive experience gained in the Americas (Canada, United States, Brazil, Mexico and Trinidad) and, more recently, the Middle East.

Gina Campbell, Deloitte

As a partner in Deloitte Forensic and leading forensic accountant, Gina has an in-depth understanding of assisting companies to investigate and address the risks of fraud and corruption. For three years, she was the national leader of Deloitte's forensic practice which included supporting clients with disputes, discovery, proactive financial crime compliance, and fraud and corruption investigations. Gina’s experience includes the areas of alleged corruption, fraud, financial misconduct, and breach of fiduciary duty. She conducts investigations and quantifications for clients in a range of industries including energy and resources, manufacturing, technology and telecommunications, and the public sector.

In addition to providing investigative assistance to clients and their counsel, Gina acts as an advisor regarding fraud and corruption risk management programs, ethics and compliance programs, anti-fraud controls, anti-corruption controls, and the consideration of fraud during audits.
Leading the Way? Liability Management for the Alberta Oil & Gas Industry

Jeremy Barretto, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

Jeremy Barretto (he/him/his) is a partner in the Business Law Group at Cassels and serves as Chair of the firm’s Regulatory Law Group. Jeremy offers extensive regulatory, environmental, and Aboriginal law experience in obtaining approvals and negotiating agreements for resource development projects. He also has expertise in renewable energy, oil and gas, mining, and infrastructure development. Jeremy frequently represents project proponents in hearings before courts and regulators across Canada. He has presented at national conferences and published articles, including in the Alberta Law Review, Globe and Mail and CBC. Jeremy previously worked in environmental engineering, earning his Professional Engineer designation.

Jeremy’s representative work includes having acted for:

- Trans Mountain Corporation, since 2012, with regard to regulatory, land, and tolling approvals for the proposed $21.4 billion Trans Mountain Expansion Project, including more than 100 route hearing regulatory processes before the Canada Energy Regulator
- SaskEnergy Corporation with regard to federal regulatory and right of entry matters before the Canada Energy Regulator BluEarth Renewables Inc. in its approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission to construct and operate the 19-megawatt Yellow Lake Solar Project, the 20-megawatt Burdett Solar Project, and the 115 megawatt approved capacity for the Bull Creek Wind Project
- Veresen Inc. with regard to regulatory and environmental aspects of its $9.7 billion arrangement agreement with Pembina Pipeline Corporation
- Prince Rupert Port Authority with respect to judicial reviews of federal environmental assessment determinations
- Generation Mining Inc. as lead counsel with respect to its 2022 federal-provincial Joint Review Panel hearing for its Marathon Palladium Project; the hearing involved more than 50 participants, including Indigenous communities and government agencies

Tamara Prince, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

Tamara Prince serves as General Counsel and Chief EDI Officer at Cassels. In this role, Tami drives both the firm’s risk management and inclusion and diversity strategy. Tami is also a partner in the firm’s Ligation Group and her legal practice focuses on complex corporate/commercial litigation, including matters involving energy and environmental law, construction, commercial leasing, class action defence, competition, pensions, tax, securities, employment defence, and franchise disputes. Over the course of her career, Tami has represented a wide range of corporate clients, including those involved in the global energy sector, petrochemicals, commercial property, telecommunications, mining, global transportation, manufacturing, franchising, and construction.

Tami’s representative work includes:

- Serving as litigation counsel in a complex $1 billion dispute over the joint ownership and operation of a petrochemical facility
- Advising a global transport manufacturer on a complex dispute with a Canadian customer over a cross-border long-term complex service agreement
• Defending and prosecuting commercial leasing disputed matters for a national real estate management company
• Member of a national litigation team successfully representing a Canadian corporation in a business-critical transfer pricing case
• Successfully defending an energy company in a class action claim brought by former employees on a complex pension matter
• Defending claims by consumers against a national credit reporting agency, including in Federal Court as well as through the local Alberta regulatory process
• Advising a global telecommunications company regarding an international service agreement that potentially engaged matters of US National Security among other international security and privacy issues

Tami has also advised corporate clients on a diverse range of regulatory matters, including on matters related to corporate governance, privacy, the environment and human rights. She has appeared before arbitration tribunals as well as before the Alberta Court of Appeal, the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench, the Provincial Court of Alberta, the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Court of Queen’s Bench, the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, the Federal Court of Canada, the Tax Court of Canada, and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Tami was first called to the bar first in Saskatchewan in 2003 where she began her career as an associate at a prominent Saskatchewan firm before moving to Alberta in 2006 where she spent 13 years at a reputable national law firm. Just prior to joining Cassels, Tami spent nearly two years working as part of the in-house legal team for an international oil and gas company, where she worked with outside counsel on numerous litigation and insolvency matters and served as a trusted business advisor, providing internal advice on diverse legal issues to various business groups within the company.

Tami has been called upon by both clients and professional organizations to present on a number of legal topics over the years, including most recently on bankruptcy in the energy sector, critical incident response, anti-SLAPP legislation, occupational health and safety, environmental regulation, and sexual harassment and human rights. She has also written a number of articles and was a frequent contributor to CBA Alberta’s quarterly magazine, Law Matters, in a series called “Barristers’ Briefs.”

Tami serves on the Board and is Vice President of the Association of Women Lawyers in Calgary, and is the current Chair of the Alberta Regional Advisory committee for The Advocates’ Society.

**Chris McLelland, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP**

Chris McLelland is a partner in the Business Law Group at Cassels. Chris’ practice focuses on general corporate and commercial law and transactions with an emphasis on oil & gas and renewable energy. He has experience in domestic and cross-border asset and share transactions; commercial agreements, including upstream, midstream, and downstream contracts in the oil and gas industry; and issues affecting the renewable energy industry, including solar, geothermal, hydrogen, and renewable natural gas.

Chris acts for both operators and contractors in the procurement of oilfield services and vendor management and advises in risk management. Chris also advises on insurance claims pertaining to the oil and gas industry. Chris has advised in a joint legal/technical capacity on a variety of claims, including coverage, defence, and subrogation, involving failed drilling operations. Chris also acts for clients in the development of renewable energy projects and at all stages with respect to the entering into of power purchase agreements.

Chris’ selected representative work includes acting for:
- Base Carbon Corp. and its shareholders in a reverse takeover of 1287411 B.C. Ltd. and listing on the NEO Exchange
- Base Carbon Corp. in its three-phased acquisition of Hardwick Climate Business Limited
- A syndicate of underwriters led by Desjardins Capital Markets, Clarus Securities Inc., Echelon Wealth Partners Inc., and RBC Capital Markets acting as co-lead underwriters and joint bookrunners, together with Haywood Securities Inc. and PI Financial Corp., in the initial public offering of EverGen Infrastructure Corp.
- Calima Energy Ltd. in its $48.5 million plan of arrangement with Blackspur Oil Corp.
- Calima Energy Inc. in the acquisition of compression facilities, associated pipelines, and infrastructure in the Tommy Lakes field in British Columbia, Canada
- Banded Iron US Inc., Banded Iron USA Inc., and Banded Iron Canada Inc. in the sale of assets to Southern Petroleum Laboratories, Inc.
- A Calgary-based oil and gas producer in its $118 million acquisition of oil and gas assets
- The secured creditor in the receivership of a Calgary-based oil and gas producer who was successful in its credit bid
- A foreign conglomerate in its $602 million coalbed methane acquisition and joint venture
- An insurance underwriter and prepared its response to a control of well insurance claim by an international oil and gas producer

Chris completed his J.D. degree at the University of Alberta. Before joining Cassels as an associate, Chris served as legal counsel to an engineering firm and practised in the Calgary office of another national firm.

**Alyshea Surani, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP**

Alyshea Surani is an associate in the Litigation Group at Cassels. Alyshea has a broad corporate and commercial litigation practice across a variety of areas. She adopts a practical and analytical approach to resolving disputes, while focusing on her client’s strategic objectives. Alyshea has represented clients at the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta and offers experience in alternative dispute resolution.

Alyshea recently completed her Masters at the Judge Business School, University of Cambridge. Prior to joining Cassels, Alyshea worked as an associate at a boutique firm in Calgary.

**Jeff Davidson, Canadian Natural**

Biography coming soon.
Recent Judicial Decisions of Interest to Energy Lawyers

Karen Fellowes, Q.C., Stikeman Elliott LLP

Karen Fellowes, Q.C. is a Senior Counsel at Stikeman Elliott LLP and is the Western Canadian Leader for their national Restructuring & Insolvency Group. Her practice is based in Calgary and Vancouver. She specializes in protecting the interests of stakeholders including creditors, debtors, Trustees, Monitors, Receivers in commercial re-organizations, workouts, restructurings and proceedings under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act. Karen has appeared in the Superior Courts and Appeal Courts in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

Karen is the President and Chair of Pro Bono Law Alberta, a provincial organization which runs free legal advice and duty counsel clinics at Alberta Courthouses. She is on the Executive Board for the International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), and was awarded the Fetner Award for outstanding international member. In addition, Karen is part of a delegation to Working Group V of UNCITRAL, and attended the recent sessions relating to asset tracing and choice of law in Vienna and New York. She also sits as a Member at Large on the Board of the Advocates Society’s Insolvency Litigation practice group.

In 2020, Karen was honoured with a Queen’s Counsel (Q.C.) designation, a prestigious designation conferred on members of the legal profession to recognize their distinguished legal service and expertise in a particular area of law.

Natasha Doelman, Stikeman Elliott LLP

Natasha Doelman is an associate in Stikeman Elliott LLP’s litigation and dispute resolution group. Natasha represents clients in all areas of corporate commercial litigation, with an emphasis on contested transactions, complex contractual disputes, corporate restructuring, construction, governance issues, and commercial real estate. Natasha has appeared as counsel in the Provincial Court of Alberta and the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench, and has experience in alternative dispute resolution.

Natasha is a member of the Law Society of Alberta, Canadian Bar Association, Calgary Bar Association, Advocates’ Society and International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. Natasha also participates in various pro bono projects and coordinates Stikeman Elliott’s pro bono program with Pro Bono Law Alberta.

David R. Percy, Q.C., University of Alberta

Professor David Percy was Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta from 2002 until 2009 and in 2019-2020. He holds the Borden Ladner Gervais Chair in Energy Law and Policy and also has research interests in Water Law and Contracts. He is co-editor of Contracts: Cases and Commentaries, now in its twelfth edition and used at law schools across Canada. He wrote The Framework of Water Rights Legislation in Canada, as well as books on Wetlands and Groundwater. Professor Percy is a former President of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers.

Professor Percy has received major teaching awards at the national, University and Faculty levels. In 2013, he was awarded the University Cup, the highest honour a University of Alberta academic can receive for research, teaching and service to the University and to the community.

Dean Percy was an international rugby referee and continues his involvement with rugby in Alberta. He pursues interests in tennis, hiking and cross-country skiing. He enjoys theatre and music and, until 2020, was an avid movie goer. He and his wife Tikker look forward to resuming more of an airborne existence as they intend to chase down their grandchildren in Seattle and Brisbane after an enforced hiatus.

Recent Regulatory and Legislative Developments of Interest to Energy Lawyers

David Wood, Torys LLP

With a long history working with clients in the energy industry, David advises on all aspects of the complex administrative, regulatory and environmental frameworks of Canada’s electricity and oil and gas sectors.

David has been involved in Alberta’s electricity sector since 1997 and has experience in all aspects of both the regulated and the unregulated electricity sectors, including utility rates, cost of capital, market rules, reliability standards and energy price-setting plans, transmission, distribution, generation and cogeneration facilities, industrial systems, merchant transmission, and generation and market surveillance investigations. He has also acted on disputes under Alberta’s legislated Power Purchase Arrangements.

David also has extensive experience in the regulated oil and gas industries, including occupational health and safety, facility licensing, off-target penalties, pooling, common processor, common carrier, public consultation, emergency response plans, surface rights, rate regulation and facility regulation, new pipeline facilities, conversion of existing facilities, regulation of storage facilities, as well as sweet and sour gas wells, plants, LNG facilities and pipelines.

In environmental matters, David’s experience includes advising clients on environmental assessments, regulatory approvals and appeals, reclamation and remediation, brownfield development, emissions and environmental litigation. He has experience litigating, mediating and arbitrating a wide range of commercial and energy matters,
including disputes related to shareholder disputes, directors’ and officers’ liability, securities, "poison pills," product liability, and royalty, leasing, joint venture, co-ownership and other contractual disputes.

David has appeared before numerous regulatory tribunals, including the National Energy Board, the Canada Energy Regulator, Alberta Utilities Commission, Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Securities Commission, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board. He has also appeared in all levels of courts in Alberta, trial courts in British Columbia and Ontario, and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Recognition and Awards

- 2020-2022 Best Lawyers in Canada—Leading lawyer in energy law
- 2017-2022 The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Leading lawyer in energy (electricity)

Gino Bruni, Torys LLP

Gino’s practice focuses on regulatory and administrative law and corporate commercial litigation and dispute resolution in a variety of areas. He represents clients primarily in the energy and electricity sectors, particularly for proceedings before the Alberta Utilities Commission and National Energy Board.

Gino also assists clients in insolvency and bankruptcy, in regards to receivership and trustee proceedings before the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench.

Representative Work

- a privately-owned natural gas producer in a commercial dispute concerning the acquisition of oil and gas assets in Alberta following CCAA proceedings
- an electricity transmission and distribution company in various applications before the Alberta Utilities Commission concerning the relocation of existing electrical utilities and the development of new electrical utilities infrastructure
- an energy generator in response to various applications by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) before the Alberta Utilities Commission concerning rules for Alberta’s transition to a capacity market
- Alvarez & Marsal Canada in its capacity as the court-appointed receiver to Virginia Hills Oil Corp. and its subsidiary, Dolomite Energy, Inc., in insolvency proceedings before the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench and Alberta Court of Appeal
- a manufacturer of pipeline fittings in relation to a claim of alleged defects by a pipeline owner
- a Canadian integrated energy company in a tariff dispute before the National Energy Board
- a purchaser of generation capacity in relation to the termination of a Power Purchase Arrangement pursuant to its change of law provisions
- a purchaser of generation capacity in relation to a claim of force majeure and termination for destruction of a regulated Power Purchase Arrangement for a major generation facility
- a generator in relation to a claim of force majeure in relation to a co-generation facility

Professional Involvement

Before joining Torys, Gino was a student-at-law for the Alberta Court of Appeal, where he assisted in research for appeals and helped draft judgements.

Gino is a board member of the Progressive Alternatives Society of Alberta, the secretary of the Prairies Committee for the Rhodes Scholarships for Canada and a board member of the Calgary Lawyers Hockey League.
Taylor Campbell, Torys LLP

Taylor’s practice focuses on litigation and dispute resolution, with an emphasis on regulatory and administrative law, commercial litigation, and the energy sector. Taylor regularly advises clients on various matters involving rates, licensing and leave to construct proceedings. She provides strategic advice regarding regulatory issues that affect various energy, and oil and gas sector participants. Taylor has advised clients on matters before the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Surface Rights Board and the National Energy Board, as well and the Provincial Court of Alberta and the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench.

Taylor’s transactional experience includes conducting due diligence for buyers, sellers, lenders and investors in connection with permitting and regulatory aspects of corporate matters in the energy sector.

Representative Work

- NRG Energy, as Canadian counsel, in its US$3.625 billion acquisition of Direct Energy, a North American subsidiary of Centrica PLC
- An electricity transmission and distribution company in various applications before the Alberta Utilities Commission concerning the relocation of existing electrical utilities and the development of new electrical utilities infrastructure

Professional Involvement

Before joining Torys, Taylor was a Barrister and Solicitor for Alberta Justice where she advised the Department of Energy. She is a also former Civil Claims Duty Counsel volunteer, having assisted self-represented litigants with preliminary legal advice and assessments of actions.

Taylor is a member of the Canadian Bar Association and a former executive for the Alberta North Administrative Law Section.

Parvez Khan, Alberta Utilities Commission

Parvez is legal counsel to the Alberta Utilities Commission.

Parvez has been involved in Alberta’s power industry and has experience in all aspects of both the regulated and unregulated electricity sectors, including utility rates, cost of capital, market design, reliability standards, transmission, distribution and generation facilities, merchant transmission, Alberta Utilities Commission and Market Surveillance Administrator investigations, wholesale trading rules and FEOC compliance, disputes regarding Alberta’s legislated Power Purchase Arrangements and surface rights.

In the oil and gas sector, Parvez has provided comprehensive regulatory advice related to pipelines including regulatory advice related to the construction of pipelines, pipeline operations (integrity programs, emergency response plans, public awareness programs), tolls and tariff-related issues, common carrier applications and LNG export issues.

Parvez’ litigation experience includes many types of contractual disputes. He has appeared before the Alberta Utilities Commission and the National Energy Board, as well as before all levels of Alberta and Ontario Courts.