

CELF 2023 Jasper Research Seminar

Presenter Biographies (Listed Chronologically by Papers Schedule)

Who Pays for the Energy Transition?

Matthew Keen, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP



Matt Keen is an energy regulatory lawyer specializing in the inter-related areas of energy law, environmental assessment and permitting, tolls and tariffs, and issues concerning Indigenous peoples. He regularly appears before the courts and energy and environmental tribunals in Western Canada, such as the Alberta and British Columbia Utilities Commissions, the Canada Energy Regulator, and environmental assessment and appeal boards.

Matt has extensive experience with major industrial facility applications and the associated environmental assessment and permitting processes. This has included pipeline and powerline transmission facilities, oil sands projects and unconventional natural gas developments, gas plants and LNG liquefaction facilities. He has participated in environmental assessment, joint review panel, and Royal Commission processes on behalf of pipeline, oil sands, natural gas, and hydroelectric proponents. His practice includes advising operators facing quasi-criminal environmental investigations and prosecutions.

He has also represented clients in a broad spectrum of toll and tariff proceedings concerning electricity, natural gas and crude oil pipelines, in BC, Alberta and Ontario. He has acted for pipeline owners and shipper consortiums, electricity transmission owners and operators, major industrial electricity customers, and a variety of energy trading companies. Matt clerked at the Alberta Court of Appeal and the Alberta Court of King's Bench. He also briefly worked for a major oil and gas producer before law school and holds an undergraduate chemical engineering degree.

Michael Manhas, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP



Michael Manhas is a litigation and regulatory partner in Norton Rose Fulbright's Vancouver office, focusing on matters relating to the environment, energy, natural resources, economic regulation, and Indigenous law. Michael is an experienced trial lawyer, representing clients in complex and high-stakes litigation in the courts of BC and Alberta, and in administrative proceedings before tribunals, including the British Columbia and Alberta Utilities Commissions, the Environmental Appeal Board, the National Energy Board, the Forest Appeals Commission, the Canadian Transportation Agency, and the British Columbia Ferries Commission.

Michael's litigation experience includes contaminated sites, defending environmental tort claims, the defence of regulatory prosecutions, and judicial review. Michael's tribunal advocacy experience includes defending environmental permits, challenging administrative orders, and representing clients in market design, rates, and cost of capital proceedings in the electricity and oil and gas sectors.

Michael regularly advises clients on regulatory investigations, permitting and permit compliance issues, and transactional liability risks. He also has significant experience advising public bodies on division of powers issues, and assists clients with forestry, competition, telecommunications and expropriation issues.

Pore Space as a Resource: A discussion of the Policy and Regulatory Framework for Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage

Kimberly Howard, McCarthy Tétrault LLP



Kimberly is a partner in the firm's Energy & Infrastructure Groups in Calgary and the National Environmental, Regulatory and Aboriginal Group. Her practice focuses on environmental, energy (including electricity and oil and gas) and regulatory, law. Kimberly's versatility enables her to anticipate issues that may arise for the clients she works with and provide proactive strategic advice, whether it is advising on the environmental risk of a transaction or procuring key regulatory approvals for a new project.

Kimberly's practice involves a broad range of regulatory and commercial work involving pipelines, natural gas and electric utilities and energy projects, including renewables and carbon capture, utilisation and storage. She has experience in all aspects of energy project development and has appeared before several regulatory tribunals, including the Canada Energy Regulator (formerly the National Energy Board), the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board and the British Columbia Energy Regulator.

With her experience in commercial transactions, project development and financing, Kimberly provides practical advice to clients in real time. When clients approach Kimberly, she already knows their industry and understands how they are regulated, allowing her to get straight to the issue at hand.

Kerri Howard, McCarthy Tétrault LLP



Kerri Howard is a partner in the Business Law Group in Calgary and is co-head of the national Energy Group. Her practice focuses on corporate/commercial matters in Canada's energy and power sectors, with specialization in the oil & gas industry and energy transitions industries.

Kerri advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property licensing, structured finance and derivative transactions, and securities matters. She has profound experience in M&A and disposition transactions (including asset exchange transactions), joint venture and partnership arrangements, and corporate reorganizations and restructurings. In addition to conventional upstream and midstream oil and gas arrangements, Kerri also advises on the development of clean-energy and other power projects, such as gas, wind, solar and geothermal power projects, carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), and lithium extraction.

Kerri's work in the energy sector includes advising on gas and power supply arrangements, services agreements, natural gas storage and processing arrangements, mineral tenure arrangements (including for CCUS), participation agreements, farm-in and farm-out agreements, royalty agreements, joint operating agreements and conventional upstream and midstream facility agreements. Further, Kerri has significant experience in drafting and negotiating data, software and analytics licensing arrangements, services agreements and joint development agreements, particularly in the energy technology space.

Kerri also has significant experience in structured finance transactions, including the negotiation and drafting of physical and financial commodity (gas, oil, power, coal) interest rate and foreign exchange derivative agreements (ISDA, NAESB, GasEDI), and related credit support arrangements, as well as advising on other structured finance-related matters.

Ashley Urch, McCarthy Tétrault LLP



Ashley is an associate in the Business Law Group in Calgary, with a practice focused on Energy Law. She assists clients with a variety of matters related to the energy sector and her experience also includes assisting with general corporate and commercial matters such as share and asset transactions, corporate reorganizations, and drafting and analyzing various commercial agreements.

During law school, Ashley also gained in-house experience in the energy sector as a legal research assistant with a Calgary based energy company. Prior to joining the firm, Ashley articulated and practiced in Calgary at a large regional business firm and practiced at a boutique business law firm.

Ashley obtained her JD from the University of Calgary and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. She was called to the bar in 2020 and is a member of the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association.

Ashley Wilson, McCarthy Tétrault LLP



Ashley is an associate in the Business Law Group in Calgary. She maintains a general corporate practice which includes corporate finance and securities, corporate governance and mergers and acquisitions. Her practice also includes energy (including electricity and oil and gas), regulatory and environmental law.

Ashley has experience advising clients on a variety of corporate transactions, including private placements, asset and share transactions, corporate reorganizations and securities transactions. She also has experience advising on regulatory compliance as well as assisting with appearances in front of the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board.

Ashley completed her J.D. at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University. Prior to law school, Ashley graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and French (with honours).

Derek Baker, McCarthy Tétrault LLP



Derek is an articling student. With McCarthy Tétrault. Derek received his Juris Doctor from the University of Victoria (UVic). He volunteered with UVic's Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) chapter for all three years of school, working on the Trans ID Clinic. He was awarded UVic PBSC's 2021 Chief Justice Richard Wagner Award to recognize his work on the project. He also competed in the Harold G. Fox intellectual property moot. His time at UVic Law earned Derek a number of academic awards, including the Professor Jim Ellis Memorial Prize in International Business and Cook Roberts Scholarship in Business Associations.

Before joining McCarthy Tétrault, Derek spent a semester working at the British Columbia Ministry of Attorney General in the Justice Service Branch as a co-op student. Specifically, he worked in the Policy and Legislative Division.

Carolyn Milne, Shell Canada Limited



Carolyn is the Global Legal Focal for Shell's CCUS business. As the legal advisor to the company's worldwide CCUS business, Carolyn advises on regulatory, policy, commercial and transactional issues related to Shell's portfolio of CCUS projects. Carolyn has also acted for Shell on several large-scale upstream and integrated gas acquisitions, divestitures, exchanges and joint venture arrangements in Canada including several renewable and biofuels transactions as well as the divestment of Shell's Fox Creek and Foothills Assets.

Previous to her role as M&A counsel for Shell Carolyn supported the Quest CCS Project from inception to its in service date, including policy advocacy, CCS tenure agreements, policy advocacy and regulatory application and permitting of the Quest CCS project. Carolyn is currently leading the legal team advising Shell in the development of the Atlas Carbon Capture Hub at its Scotford complex near Edmonton.

Carolyn received her LLB from the University of Victoria in 2001 and was called as a member of the Law Society of Alberta in 2002.

Prevailing Winds: Regulatory Frameworks and Commercial Realities for Developing Wind and Green Hydrogen projects in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador

Greg Moores, Stewart McKelvey



Working with clients such as oil and gas companies, engineering firms, construction companies and post-secondary institutions, some of the ways Greg has helped his clients are by:

- Acting before the International Court of Arbitration regarding a breach of contract for a vocational education provider.
- Participating in environmental litigation concerning soil remediation projects.
- Acting in private arbitration regarding mineral royalty issues.
- Acting in litigation concerning the construction industry, including claims against professionals and builders for issues such as design and remediation efforts of contaminated sites.

Robert Grant, K.C., Stewart McKelvey



Rob is an experienced advocate whose practice is focused on environmental, energy, corporate commercial litigation and administrative law. A fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, Rob helps clients understand the legal matters that concern them and maps out the most effective and efficient plan or approach.

In development projects, Rob provides strategic advice throughout the project life span from early conceptual project stages to final approvals, construction disputes, commissioning, operation and decommissioning. This advice includes approaches to early government interaction, community engagement and engagement with First Nations. He has acted as counsel in a wide variety of litigation before the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, private arbitration tribunals and the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB).

His practice includes:

- Acting as project manager for Nova Scotia Environment to draft omnibus environmental legislation for the provincial Environment Act

- Acting on behalf of the Sable Offshore Energy Project and the Deep Panuke Project from initial applications, environmental and regulatory approvals, through development and operations to decommissioning.
- Litigation of major commercial disputes, including energy and construction projects.
- Administrative tribunal work and appearances before the UARB on land use planning and development matters; expropriations; water, gas and electrical utility rate hearings; and hearings respecting municipal amalgamations and annexation.
- First Nations consultation, mutual benefits agreements and litigation respecting aboriginal rights.
- Litigation regarding property disputes and environmental matters
- Arbitrations, mediations and alternative dispute resolution.

James Gamblin, Stewart McKelvey



Jamie is an associate in the Business Group in Stewart McKelvey's Halifax office. His regulatory practice focuses on renewable energy and environmental law. Jamie advises clients concerning regulatory compliance and licensing, including in the wind and tidal sectors. Hailing from a small coastal village in rural Nova Scotia, Jamie is able to pair on the ground knowledge with an understanding of complex regulatory regimes to provide renewable energy clients with practical and creative advice. Jamie's practice also focuses on financing transactions, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate law. Prior to joining Stewart McKelvey, Jamie gained extensive experience researching and writing on matters related to economic development policies in Atlantic Canada.

Jamie holds a BA (Political Science) from Mount Allison University, an MA (Public Policy and Public Administration) from Concordia University and a J.D. from Dalhousie University.

G. John Samms, Stewart McKelvey



John is uniquely positioned to provide advice and advance interests on some of the most complex matters facing the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Since joining Stewart McKelvey, John has provided legal and strategic counsel to leading natural resource, mining and energy clients. John has expertise in regulatory compliance, environmental assessment, and public law, including constitutional and administrative law.

John's passion for the natural resources and energy sector predates his time as a lawyer – he studied and wrote about both the fallout of the 1969 power contract between CFLCo and Hydro Quebec as well as the Atlantic Accord while pursuing Bachelor's and Master's degrees in political science at Memorial University. His immense knowledge of the past uniquely positions him to advise clients on how best to approach the future.

Prior to joining Stewart McKelvey, John provided legal counsel to the Premier's Office – some of his representative experience includes:

- Member of the lead negotiating team as part of the \$2.5 Billion Hibernia Dividend Backed Annuity Agreement – an aspect of the 2019 Atlantic Accord renewal.
- Advising on provincial rate mitigation efforts to account for anticipated rate increases after the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project.

Outside of his busy natural resources and energy practice, John is also an experienced litigator, where he has experience:

- Defending against applications for an election recount in the district of St. John's East – Quidi Vidi.
- Acting as co-counsel for the Toronto Maple Leafs ECHL affiliate, the Newfoundland Growlers, in a highly publicized lease dispute with St. John's Sports and Entertainment Limited.
- Defending against multiple challenges to a development in the St. John's Battery region.

In addition to his practice in energy, natural resources and litigation, John also represents employers on labour and employment issues, a skillset strengthened by his time working at the Premier's Office on the province's Collective Bargaining Steering Committee. John also represents municipalities on tax issues – in 2021, the City of St. John's appointed John as Commissioner of the Assessment Review Court.

Recent Judicial Decisions of Interest to Energy Lawyers

Keith Marlowe, K.C., Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP



Keith practises corporate/commercial litigation with a special focus on all aspects of insurance coverage and defence, product liability disputes, class actions, and franchise disputes. He also maintains an active advisory practice in connection with the procurement and renewal of insurance programs for clients, including conducting independent program reviews regarding the comprehensiveness and appropriateness of insurance coverage and recommended enhancements.

Keith has appeared as lead counsel at all levels of court in Alberta, including on trials, appeals and chambers applications. He has also appeared as counsel in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New York (state and federal courts) and Texas (federal courts).

Keith received his King's Counsel designation in Alberta in 2022.

Alyssa Duke, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP



Alyssa has a broad corporate commercial litigation practice and has experience in construction and oil and gas disputes, including arbitrations, as well as class actions, securities regulation, and securities litigation.

Alyssa has appeared in the Alberta provincial court, the Alberta Court of King's Bench, the Alberta Court of Appeal and was second chair in a Supreme Court of Canada matter. She has also participated in hearings and regulatory interviews with the Alberta Securities Commission, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada.

Alyssa has extensive experience working with oil and gas, construction, and accounting experts. She has acted for project owners as well as engineers and architects named in multi-party commercial disputes in matters involving contractor delay, deficient work, the failure to properly maintain facilities, and construction product liability issues.

Geoff Adair, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP



Geoff has a broad corporate and commercial litigation practice. He has experience in a variety of areas, with a special focus on product liability, negligent design and manufacture, oil and gas litigation, Indigenous law, construction litigation, injunctions, and appellate litigation. Geoff also has experience in alternative dispute resolution, including commercial arbitration, mediation, and judicial dispute resolution.

Geoff has appeared as counsel before the Alberta Securities Commission, the Alberta Court of King's Bench, and the Court of Appeal of Alberta.

Prior to joining Blakes, Geoff completed articles of clerkship with the Court of Appeal of Alberta in Calgary, where he was articulated to the Honourable Mr. Justice Peter Martin.

Nicole Bakker, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP



Nicole's practice focuses on energy regulation, as well as environmental and administrative law. Nicole has experience in a broad range of regulatory and litigation matters including reviewing and applying for regulatory and environmental approvals, regulatory compliance issues, public consultation matters, corporate matters, and surface land rights acquisition and compensation.

Nicole has assisted clients in matters before the Canada Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Utilities Commission, Alberta Surface Rights Board, British Columbia Utilities Commission, British Columbia Oil and Gas Appeals Tribunal and British Columbia Surface Rights Board.

Matthew Hammer, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP



Matt's practice focuses on energy regulation, as well as environmental and Indigenous law issues. He acts for oil and gas producers, pipeline and midstream companies, mining companies, and electrical transmission, distribution and generation companies, including in the thermal, solar and wind sectors. He assists with obtaining regulatory approvals to develop major projects, regulatory proceedings necessary for commercial transactions, compliance proceedings, regulatory system design proceedings, and land rights acquisition and compensation proceedings.

Matt's experience includes drafting and coordinating regulatory applications and motions, preparing written evidence and argument in regulatory proceedings, providing regulatory and environmental law advice to help ensure successful business decisions and transactions, and researching regulatory and environmental law issues.

Prior to joining Blakes, Matt served as a judicial law clerk for the Court of Appeal of Alberta.

The Regulation and Litigation of Cumulative Effects on Indigenous Rights Following the Yahey Decision and Blueberry River First Nation Settlement And the Potential Effects on the Energy Industry

Sean Sutherland, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP



Sean's national litigation practice focuses on business-critical disputes. He acts for corporate clients in complex oil and gas litigation, environmental matters, regulatory investigations, class action defence and product liability actions.

Additionally, Sean has considerable experience representing major resource project proponents, corporate taxpayers, regulated industries and government in constitutional challenges, appeals and judicial review of ministerial and tribunal decisions. These cases often involve stay or injunction applications, the duty to consult Indigenous peoples, and novel legal issues.

Sean regularly appears in courts across Canada, including the Supreme Court of Canada, the Alberta Court of Appeal, the Federal Court of Appeal, the British Columbia Court of Appeal, the Alberta Court of King's Bench, the British Columbia Supreme Court and the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench.

In addition to his corporate and commercial practice, Sean is active in pro bono, public interest advocacy.

When not in court, Sean works with clients proactively to identify and mitigate risks to their business.

Sean clerked at the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench and has otherwise spent his entire legal career at Osler, joining as a summer student in 2011.

Sander Duncanson, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP



Sander is Co-Chair of Osler's Regulatory, Indigenous and Environmental practice. He specializes in environmental, regulatory and Indigenous law issues for natural resource developers. He has experience with matters before the Canada Energy Regulator (formerly the National Energy Board), the Alberta Energy Regulator (and its predecessor the Energy Resources Conservation Board), the Ontario Energy Board, the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Northwest Territories Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations and federal - provincial Environmental Assessment Joint Review Panels. Sander also has experience with regulatory, environmental and Indigenous matters before all levels of courts in Alberta. The subject matter of Sander's recent regulatory work includes oil and natural

gas pipelines, oil sands (both mining and *in situ*), LNG export, hydrogen, offshore drilling, hydro-electric generation, mining (including coal, metal, potash, gravel and diamonds), natural gas processing, electricity transmission and contaminated lands. He also regularly advises clients on their obligations to Indigenous groups and negotiates impact benefit agreements with Indigenous groups on behalf of resource developers. 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. He was also named Lawyer of the Year for Energy Regulatory Law for 2023 by Best Lawyers.

Martha Peden, NorthRiver Midstream



Martha Peden is the Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs at NorthRiver Midstream Inc. Her recent regulatory work includes oil and natural gas pipelines, natural gas processing, and carbon capture and sequestration. She also assists NorthRiver with Indigenous law and surface rights issues, including negotiating agreements with Indigenous groups and landowners. She has experience with matters before the Canada Energy Regulator, the British Columbia Energy Regulator, the British Columbia Utilities Commission, the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Land and Property Rights Tribunal, and the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). She also has experience before the Alberta Court of King's Bench, Alberta Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada, having practiced commercial litigation at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP at the beginning of her career.

Prior to joining NorthRiver, Martha worked for a regulated utility and acted as AUC Commission counsel on retail, distribution, and transmission rate matters. Martha is called in both Alberta and British Columbia and has a Master of Laws degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science. In 2021, she was named a rising star by the Daily Oil Bulletin.

Kevin Thrasher, Trans Mountain Corporation



Kevin Thrasher is Vice President, Legal, Trans Mountain Corporation. He is responsible for legal services for Trans Mountain and the Trans Mountain Expansion Project.

He brings extensive legal experience to Trans Mountain, with more than 20 years of litigation and regulatory matters specific to the oil and gas industry. Notably, during his career at TC Energy, Kevin managed commercial, regulatory legal on numerous large-scale projects. Kevin has direct experience in responding to claims regarding the cumulative effects of oil and gas development in British Columbia and Alberta.

Since joining Trans Mountain, he has provided expert advice on regulatory strategies and risk management to all levels of the organization. Kevin has successfully overseen and managed the significant legal challenges faced by the Expansion Project, including playing a leading role in resolving important concerns raised by Indigenous communities.

Kevin holds Bachelor of Laws (L.L.B) from Queen's University and Master of Arts from Carleton University. He has been called to the bar in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario.

Collaborative Construction Contracts: Opportunities and Challenges for the Energy Sector in Canada

Bill Woodhead, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP



Bill is a partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP who has extensive experience in matters involving the procurement, design and construction of capital projects in Canada. Bill practises corporate commercial, construction and energy law, with an emphasis on public-private partnerships and construction contracts. He acts for a variety of owners and contractors including provincial ministries, crown corporations, private owners, EPC contractors, and consultants in drafting, negotiating and finalizing the various documents required to make a project successful. Along with his colleague, Theron Davis, Bill teaches a course at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law on contract drafting.

Theron Davis, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP



Theron is a senior associate at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP with expertise in corporate construction, litigation and arbitration. Theron's practice focuses primarily on front-end construction law, including drafting and negotiating construction contracts and advising on risk management. Theron has experience working on a variety of energy related projects including oil and gas, solar, and wind farm developments. Along with his colleague, Bill Woodhead, Theron teaches a course at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law on contract drafting.

Robert Walker, Suncor Energy



Robert is Legal Counsel with Suncor Energy in the Projects & Supply Chain Legal group, where he supports “Building and Buying Things” for the full enterprise. He has experience negotiating, administering, and sometimes enforcing a wide variety of contracts including EPC, engineering, construction, CCDC, turnaround & maintenance, and logistics contracts. Over the course of his legal practice he has supported a number of traditional petrochemical projects in extraction, upgrading, refining, LNG, and the less traditional areas of wind, solar, carbon capture and storage, and hydrogen. Prior to joining Suncor in 2017, Robert was Senior Legal Counsel with the Oilers Entertainment Group in Edmonton, and before that was a member of the in-house legal team at an EPC firm in Calgary.

Climate-Related Disclosure for Canadian Energy Companies – Getting Ready for the Mandatory Regime: Voluntary Guidelines, Rule Proposals, Governance Implications and Best Practices to Avoid Greenwashing Allegations

Courtney Burton, Dentons Canada LLP



Courtney Burton is a partner in Dentons’ Calgary office, where she practices in the Corporate/Commercial group and is the co-leader of the Energy department. She regularly advises clients on transactions and commercial matters, including asset/share transactions and the provision of advice on governance matters. Courtney has extensive experience negotiating and drafting commercial and energy-related agreements as well as implementing corporate reorganizations. She advises a variety of public and private companies on derivatives matters, including negotiating physical and financial commodity trading transactions evidenced by GasEDI, NAESB, ISDA and bespoke trading agreements, providing advice on Canadian derivatives regulation and compliance matters, and assisting with cross-border energy derivatives compliance issues. Courtney also provides governance and commercial advice to clients in the not-for-profit sector.

Bill (William) G. Gilliland, Dentons Canada LLP



Bill is a member of the Firm’s Corporate, Securities and Corporate Finance, and Mergers and Acquisitions practice groups.

Bill advises public and private company buyers, sellers and target companies on numerous merger and acquisition transactions, primarily in the power, renewable energy, and infrastructure sectors, both in Canada, internationally and cross border. Bill has worked with board special committees on strategic transactions and has advised numerous public company boards of directors on governance and decision-making issues. Bill’s practice also involves energy and services companies on transaction and project work.

Bill is a leader in ESG and sustainable finance, representing Dentons Canada as a member of the International Capital Markets Association Green Bond Principles since 2014 and also as a member of the CSA Group’s technical committee developing the made in Canada Transition Finance Taxonomy following the 2019 recommendations of the Federal Government’s Expert Panel on Sustainable Finance. Bill is a member of the Advisory Council to the Green and Social Bond Principles Executive Committee. Bill’s work includes ESG and sustainable finance, including in the areas of green, transition, sustainability and sustainability-linked loans and bonds. Bill holds the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors and has completed the Board Oversight of Climate Change Course.

Christy Lee, Dentons Canada LLP



Christy Lee is a partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution group. She maintains a litigation practice focused on complex regulatory and commercial disputes, including breach of contract, breach of confidence, professional liability, and administrative tribunal matters. Christy has represented both multinational and regional clients before all levels of court in Alberta and in regulatory matters involving the Alberta Surface Rights Board, the Law Society of Alberta, Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta, Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario, and the Alberta Insurance Councils Appeal Board.

Ana Cherniak-Kennedy, Dentons Canada LLP



Ana Cherniak-Kennedy is an associate in the Corporate, Securities, and Mergers and Acquisitions groups of the Dentons Calgary office. She has a general commercial law practice focusing on capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and corporate governance matters.

Before becoming an associate at Dentons, Ana summered and articulated with the Firm. While attending the University of Calgary Faculty of Law, Ana volunteered with Pro Bono Students Canada and competed in the Donald G.H. Bowman National Tax Moot and the Dentons Negotiation Competition.

Recent Legislative and Regulatory Developments of Interest to Energy Lawyers

Jeremy Barretto, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP



Jeremy Barretto (he/him/his) serves as Chair of the firm's national Regulatory Law Group. He has extensive regulatory, environmental, and Aboriginal law experience. Jeremy frequently represents proponents in obtaining approvals and negotiating agreements for resource development projects across Canada. He has expertise in renewable energy, oil and gas, mining, and infrastructure development. Last year, Jeremy led a team that successfully obtained federal and provincial regulatory approvals for the Generation Mining Marathon battery metals project, following a Joint Review Panel process with more than 50 participants. Jeremy is a guest lecturer for the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta Faculty of Law and has recently published articles in the *Globe and Mail* and *Alberta Law Review*. Jeremy previously worked in environmental

engineering, earning his Professional Engineer designation. He is recognized as a leader in his field by *Best Lawyers* and *Chambers Canada*.

Marianne (Chuck) Davies, Pembina Pipeline Corporation



Marianne (Chuck) Davies is Manager and Associate General Counsel at Pembina Pipeline Corporation where her team supports regulatory, litigation, supply chain and human resources. Prior to joining Pembina in 2021, Chuck was General Manager and Assistant General Counsel at CNOOC International.

Prior to moving in-house in 2014, Chuck worked in the regulatory group at Bennett Jones and the litigation group at Macleod Dixon.

Liv Desaulniers, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP



Liv Desaulniers (she/her/hers) is a member of Cassels' Regulatory team. Liv's practice focuses on regulatory, environmental, and Aboriginal law. She offers expertise in electricity rate regulation and renewable energy project development with experience managing more than 30 complex electricity-related regulatory matters. Liv brings invaluable insight into the complex challenges faced by her clients, having served as Commission Counsel at the Alberta Utilities Commission and in-house at a major North American energy infrastructure company. She has dealt with regulatory matters before provincial and federal regulators and utilities commissions across the country. This experience includes advising on applications to build, operate, and discontinue power plants and rate regulation for transmission lines.

Viviana Berkman, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP



Viviana Berkman is a member of Cassels' Regulatory team. Viviana specializes in environmental, regulatory and Aboriginal law, and has experience in all aspects of natural resource project development. In this context, Viviana provides practical advice to developers on project planning, obtaining necessary approvals, drafting and negotiating agreements for the implementation of projects, as well as meeting regulatory and environmental requirements arising from project execution. Viviana has dealt with matters before the Canada Energy Regulator, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, the Alberta Energy Regulator and the Alberta Surface Rights Board.

Dana Poscente, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP



Dana Poscente (she/her/hers) is a member of Cassels' Regulatory team. She has experience with Federal Court judicial reviews, federal impact assessments, and regulatory and litigation matters across western Canada. Dana provides practical advice to project proponents, governments and Indigenous groups on project planning, obtaining necessary approvals, drafting, and negotiating agreements for the implementation of projects, as well as meeting regulatory and environmental requirements arising from project execution.

Marian Yuzda, Canada Energy Regulator



Marian Yuzda (she, her, elle) is counsel at the Canada Energy Regulator. With over ten years of legal experience advising the CER on its broad public interest mandate, Marian has been counsel to the CER in a wide variety of matters, including many public interest hearings for oil, gas, or electricity transmission facilities, tolls and tariffs, and land matters. Additionally, Marian has appeared on behalf of the CER at various levels of court including the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal. Marian works on behalf of the CER in both official languages.

Richard Riegert Memorial Lecture: The Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy: Unearthing Energy Security in Canada

Sean Ralph, McMillan LLP



Sean Ralph is a leading senior energy lawyer and the national co-chair of the firm's Energy Group. He has exceptional expertise in domestic and international energy transactions and major industrial project development in the energy, renewable power and mining industries.

Complementary to his private law practice, he brings a wide breadth of in-house experience having served as general counsel, senior legal counsel and board member with major domestic and global organizations. Sean served as General Counsel and on the Board of Directors for the Canadian subsidiaries of a major international integrated energy company. He also served as General Counsel for the Canadian subsidiary of a leading EPC company.

He is also an expert in corporate governance and served as corporate secretary to several international organizations. His board and management experience includes serving as Compliance and Chief Ethics Officer, Director of Risk Management, as well as serving as a member of various Executive Management teams, Government and Public Affairs Committees, Contract and Tender Review Boards, Incident Command Teams and Pension Plan Committees.

Sean has extensive international energy practice experience having lived and worked in The Hague, The Netherlands, with a top-tier international integrated energy company. He also lived and worked in Houston, Texas, USA for another major international integrated energy company while working on the development and construction of a multi-billion dollar ethane cracker project.

With over 20 years of experience working on some of the largest energy projects in North America and abroad, Sean is well versed in all aspects of industrial project development and operations and brings a unique perspective to the firm. He has acted for both project proponents and engineering, procurement and construction companies as well as subcontractors and suppliers. From legal structuring, design and engineering through construction, procurement and operations, Sean's project experience is expansive. He is also well versed in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate governance and new business development transactions in Canada, the United States and internationally.

Sean is recognized by Best Lawyers as one of Canada's leading lawyers in Energy Law.

Julia Loney, McMillan LLP



Julia Loney is an experienced regulatory lawyer with extensive experience in M&A transactions and government relations.

Julia's broad regulatory expertise is primarily focused on commercial arrangements and transactions, with particular emphasis on the negotiating and drafting of contracts and agreements, corporate governance and compliance, and regulatory and environmental issues in project development. She provides strategic regulatory advice on municipal planning, consumer issues, and matters relating to energy and natural resource projects, rail transportation, and food and agribusiness. She also advises on Alberta and Saskatchewan privacy matters, including access requests, legal requirements and risk assessments, and developing compliance programs and policies and consent forms.

In her environmental and climate change practice, Julia advises clients on permitting and approvals, legal risk mitigation, and ensuring compliance with evolving environmental regulations at all levels of government. She is highly knowledgeable about hazardous waste disposal and clean-up issues, including responsibility for remediation costs of contaminated sites, as well as reporting and disclosure requirements for corporations and government entities.

Julia is a member of the American Bar Association and co-chairs the Waste and Resource Recovery Committee of the Section of Environment, Energy and Resources (SEER). She was accepted to the 2021-2022 Leadership Development Program for SEER.

She is one of the founders of the Interdisciplinary Sustainable Agriculture Network (ISAN) through the University of Calgary.

Active in her community through various alumni organizations and committees, she is a board member of the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta and volunteers with the St. Andrew-Caledonian Society and the Farm Equipment Subcommittee of the Calgary Stampede.

Julia is also a member of the national public affairs firm McMillan Vantage Policy Group.

Beth Riley, McMillan LLP



Beth Riley is a renowned lawyer with a broad range of experience in competition / antitrust and foreign investment. With extensive capital markets experience, she has great insight into addressing complex business issues and the needs of clients, including in particular clients in Alberta's energy sector, which is a distinctive aspect of her competition practice. Beth brings a unique perspective on the workings of the Competition Bureau having served as an officer assessing mergers under the *Competition Act* prior to practicing law.

Beth advises Canadian and international clients involved in mergers, joint ventures and other alliances on the notification and clearance provisions of the *Competition Act* and the *Investment Canada Act*. She also advises on anticompetitive business practices and the development of corporate compliance policies.

Beth also has extensive experience in capital markets matters and securities offerings, public and private mergers and acquisitions, in addition to advising clients regarding corporate governance, shareholder activism and general regulatory compliance.

Beth has been recognized amongst the World's Leading Lawyers for Business by *Chambers Global* in Competition and Antitrust, as well as by *Lexpert* as one of the most frequently recommended lawyers in Competition Law.

Ryan Johnson, McMillan LLP



Ryan Johnson recently completed his articling term with McMillan LLP, and will be returning as a litigation associate in July. With a keen interest in business/commercial, energy, and regulatory law, he is excited to work within the field and develop strong relationships with members of the legal community.

Graduating from the University of Manitoba – Robson Hall Faculty of Law, Ryan supplemented his academic experience with his passion for entrepreneurship, where he founded a full-service landscaping company in 2020, which continues to be run by aspiring law students.

Spencer Klug, McMillan LLP



Spencer graduated from the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law and recently completed his articles with McMillan, where he will be returning as an associate in the Commercial Real Estate Group. With a passion for helping clients achieve their business objectives, Spencer brings a unique blend of enthusiasm and aptitude to each matter. Spencer has a proven track record of success and is committed to delivering outstanding results and exceptional client service.
