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Expertise

Environmental and Indigenous
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Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1995

“Alex is the best environmental lawyer I have ever worked with. She is extremely knowledgeable and always finds a commercial solution to environmental issues.”

Client – Chambers Canada 2023

Alex’s strategic approach to assessing environmental risk and resolving issues – whether technical, regulatory or contractual – helps clients minimize their liabilities and exposure. Working on clients’ most complex projects and deals, Alex advises them on transaction risk, permitting requirements, as well as remediation and redevelopment of contaminated lands. She has expertise in Indigenous interests and advised on the creation of an environmental protection regime under Canada’s *First Nations Land Management Act*. She works with clients that span a variety of industries, with a focus on mining, manufacturing, chemical, pulp and paper, and energy.

Clients trust Alex to represent them in regulatory investigations and enforcement actions. She often appears before the Ontario Environmental Review Tribunal and provides environmental expertise in civil proceedings, including class actions. Clients regularly seek her advice and guidance on environmental issues related to insolvencies, such as director and officer liability.

Alex is the past chair of the National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Various Canadian corporations

Advising various Canadian corporations regarding environmental management issues, including Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited, New Gold Inc., Resolute Forest Products Inc., Atlantic Packaging, Canadian National Railway Company, Celestica Inc., BHP Billiton Inc., Vale Canada Limited.

Canadian developers and property managers

Representing various Canadian developers and property managers with respect to environmental matters, including Ivanhoe Cambridge Inc., Cadbridge Investors LP, Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited, SmartCentres Management Inc. and Woodbourne Canada Management Inc.

Wind power developers

Represented wind power developers (Samsung Renewable Energy Inc., Pattern Renewable Holdings Canada ULC and Capital Power Corporation) in six appeals before the Environmental Review Tribunal, responding to challenges to the largest wind energy projects undertaken in Ontario. Some of these proceedings included an allegation that Ontario’s wind energy regime violates section 7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

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Acted for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited in its acquisition of a 35% interest in Green Star Royalties Ltd., a company focused on the origination of carbon sequestration projects and other green technology opportunities. In connection with its investment, Agnico was granted certain investor rights, including representation on Green Star's board and an ability to co-invest alongside Green Star in its future projects and investments.

Multiple Defendants

Acting for multiple defendants in defence of an action initiated by Metrolinx regarding contamination of the Stouffville railway corridor.

Hydrostor Inc.

Acted for Hydrostor Inc., a developer of Advanced Compressed Air Energy Storage (A-CAES) projects, in securing a US\$250-million preferred equity financing commitment from Goldman Sachs Asset Management - one of the largest investments in the emerging long-duration energy storage sector.

Blackstone Infrastructure Partners L.P.

Acted as Canadian counsel to Blackstone Infrastructure Partners L.P. in its acquisition of the majority interest of Carrix, Inc., one of the world's largest marine-terminal operators.

New Gold Inc.

Acted for New Gold Inc. in its sale of the Blackwater Project in British Columbia to Artemis Gold Inc., including advice with respect to potential environmental liability and indigenous participation.

Barrick Gold Corporation

Representing Barrick Gold Corporation in international tort litigation regarding tailings discharged from a Philippines copper mine facility operated by its predecessor, PlacerDome Inc.

Amcor Flexibles LLC

Assisted Amcor Flexibles LLC in the disposition of three manufacturing facilities in Wisconsin, ordered pursuant to U.S. anti-trust requirements. Environmental issues included the separation of activities and permits at one operating location, indemnification in relation to indoor air and soil vapour intrusion issues, ascertainment of lease liability clarification from the Wisconsin Department of Nature Resources (WDNR) and allocation of liability with respect to historic contamination including negotiations with landlord regarding remediation obligations to WDNR.

Hostess Brands, Inc.

Acted on environmental matters in Hostess Brands, Inc.'s acquisition of Voortman Cookies Limited. Issues included allocation of liabilities related to past manufacturing operations.

Resolute FP Canada Inc.

Acted for Resolute FP Canada Inc. in the sale of its former pulp and paper mill in Fort Frances, Ontario. Advised on transfer arrangements for permits and financial assurance, including those related to co-generation facilities, international pipelines and an operating landfill.

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Amcor Flexibles LLC

Acted for Amcor Flexibles LLC in the sale of three U.S. healthcare manufacturing facilities to Tekni-Plex. Issues included permitting arrangements for division of equipment and shared-site operations, assessing landlord's voluntary remediation efforts, mitigation of soil vapor risk, lease liability clarification from regulator.

PSP Investments

Advised PSP Investments in its purchase of the Kulolio Ranch, Central Maui Feedstocks, LLC and the East Maui Irrigation Company, LLC with respect to former sugar cane operations in Hawaii. Environmental issues included liabilities related to solid waste dumps, pesticide use, water leases and licenses and wastewater permitting.

Buttonville Airport

Acting for owners of Buttonville Airport with respect to the remediation and risk assessment of the airport to facilitate a mixed-use development.

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business—Environment (Band 1)

Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business—Environment (Band 1)

The Legal 500 Canada—Environment (Hall of Fame)

The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada—Environmental Law

Lexpert Special Edition : Energy and Mining

Lexpert Guide to US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada—Environmental Law

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Environmental Law (Most Frequently Recommended); Environmental, Social & Governance

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Corporate Law; Energy Law; Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice; Energy Regulatory Law; Environmental Law (Lawyer of the Year 2016, Toronto)

Who's Who Legal: Environment & Climate Change—Environment (Global Elite Thought Leader); Climate Change; Who's Who Legal: Canada—Environment; Climate Change

Expert Guides' *Women in Business Law*; Expert Guides—Environment

INSIGHTS

Federal Impact Assessment: Legislative Amendments and Cabinet Directive July 29, 2024

Doing Business in Canada 2023, contributor
Nov. 14, 2023

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Supreme Court of Canada Finds *Impact Assessment Act* Unconstitutional
Oct. 17, 2023

Governance Insights: Charting a (Safe) Path Through the ESG Wilderness
June 08, 2023

Canada Imposes Forced and Child Labour Reporting Obligations
May 05, 2023

Davies Governance Insights – September 2022, contributor
Sept. 06, 2022

Davies Governance Insights 2020, contributor
Oct. 05, 2020

Environmental Forensic Tools Help Answer Legal, Groundwater Contamination
Problems, co-author
Aug. 19, 2020

Due Diligence for COVID-19: Health Exposure Prevention and Response
Apr. 16, 2020

Moderator, American Bar Association, Environmental Summit of the Americas,
“Social License in Resource Development”; Mexico City, Mexico
Jan. 16, 2020

EDUCATION

University of Ottawa, LLB (Magna Cum Laude), 1993
McGill University, BA (Honours), 1989

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Canadian Bar Association, National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law
Section, past chair
Ontario Bar Association, Environmental Law Section

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Energy & Environment Committee
Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Natural Resource and Environment
Committee
Canada Talks Climate/Parlons Climate Canada
Heritage Toronto, former chair
Toronto Nature Stewards