

Environmental and Indigenous

Businesses facing environmental and social risk want advisers who can help handle issues as they come up. Or better yet, anticipate and manage them so they don't. Our team brings cutting-edge knowledge and practical strategies to solve and move past complex challenges.

We assess and tackle your environmental liabilities and exposures. When your board is concerned about liability exposure, we are there to provide clear advice and a practical way forward. And when arbitration or litigation comes into play, we advocate at all levels of tribunals and courts.

From project development to remediation of contaminated lands and from regulatory investigations to Indigenous engagement, we take a pragmatic approach to resolving complicated issues.

Our industry knowledge comes from years of immersing ourselves in our clients' interests and business objectives. Spanning industries and regions – from local to global, we have a particular focus on mining, manufacturing, pulp and paper, energy, chemical and real estate.

Actively involved in the development and reform of environmental law, we advise and advocate for you, knowing where the law stands and where it's headed.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Ember Infrastructure Management, LP

Acted for funds managed by Ember Infrastructure Management, LP, a New York-based private equity firm, in its due diligence and acquisition of H2O Innovation Inc., a water solutions company which provides speciality chemicals, consumables, technology and engineering expertise to municipal and industrial water, wastewater and water reuse customers.

Atlas Holdings

Acting for Atlas Holdings in its acquisition of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.'s Quesnel River pulp mill in British Columbia and Slave Lake pulp mill in Alberta, addressing issues including Indigenous consultation, energy matters, landfill management and fibre access.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

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.

DAVIES

Henvey Inlet Wind LP

Advised Henvey Inlet Wind on the development of the regulatory framework for the largest First Nation wind partnership project in Canada on the lands of Henvey Inlet First Nation. We worked closely with Henvey Inlet Wind, First Nations and Environment Canada to develop the first environmental assessment and enforcement regime under the federal *First Nations Land Management Act* on three First Nations reserves. Key permitting issues included species at risk (and the negotiation of the first federal species at risk permit for a wind project, including complex offsetting commitments). We continue to work closely with Henvey Inlet First Nation on operational compliance matters, including species at risk.

Multiple Defendants

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

RECOGNITION

“They are exceptional, brilliant lawyers, each and every one of them. My experience has always been that they get it, and that they have the right balance of business knowledge and legal strength.”

Client – *Chambers Canada 2017*

Chambers Global: The World’s Leading Lawyers for Business—Environment

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The Legal 500 Canada—Environment

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

- Environmental Law: Toronto (Most Frequently Recommended firm)
- Environmental Law: Montréal