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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Construction Contracts and Procurement |
Energy & Natural Resources | Mining |
Construction and Infrastructure | Major Projects

EXPERTISE

Arbitration & Mediation | Restructuring &
Insolvency | Commercial Litigation |
Construction Litigation | Environmental Law |
Contractual Disputes

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Yukon, 2000

British Columbia, 1997

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1996

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Charles W. Bois brings a wealth of experience to his diverse legal practice, with a strong focus on sectors such as oil and gas, energy, mining and natural resources, environmental, commercial, and construction and

infrastructure sectors. With decades of business experience, including senior management roles in the natural gas industry, Charles seamlessly blends his business acumen with his legal knowledge and experience. He is a trusted adviser on commercial, regulatory, environmental, and construction matters, working closely with various regulatory bodies across Canada to represent a wide range of clients.

With numerous presentations and publications under his belt, Charles Bois is not only academically accomplished, but also actively engaged in educating and informing others in the legal and business community. In his spare time, Charles has been deeply involved in the energy industry and community activities. He regularly volunteers at a pro bono legal clinic organized by industry professionals, providing free legal support to people and communities facing barriers to justice. Charles has also served as a director on numerous industry associations and community organizations.

Charles is a member of prominent industry associations, and has collected many accolades, including recognition in several esteemed industry directories.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Energy Law, 2017 – 2023, 2025; Construction Law, 2020 – 2025; Energy Regulatory Law 2022 – 2024; Environmental Law, 2022 – 2025

Thought leadership

Presentations

- “Permitting and Contract Procurement,” Miller Thomson seminar: Project Development – Environmental and Indigenous Considerations, 2017
- “BC Contaminated Sites 101,” Miller Thomson seminar: Environmental Issues in Property Development, 2015
- “Fundamentals of Construction Contracts in British Columbia: Understanding the Issues,” Common Issues During Construction Contract Performance, Lorman seminar, 2014
- “BC Contaminated Sites 101 and Consultants Liability,” Miller Thomson presentation, 2014
- “An Overview of the Regulatory Framework Regarding Water Usage and Disposal in Shale Gas Recovery,” Canadian Institute conference, Oil & Gas Water Management Strategies, 2012
- “Analyzing Resource Revenue Sharing Models: Agreements Under IBA’s and Agreements with the Crown,” Canadian Institute conference, BC Aboriginal Consultation, 2011
- “Water Regulations,” EPIC conference, Understanding Environmental Regulations, 2011
- “The Role of Sustainability and Earning Social License in Advancing Your Company’s Objectives: The Must-Have Competencies for Mining in Canada,” Canadian Institute conference, Mine Feasibility & Project

Implementation, 2010

- “Independent and Renewable Power in BC,” Miller Thomson seminar, CleanTech, Green Energy and Environmental Update, 2009
- “Construction Subcontracts,” Lorman seminar, “Construction Documents in British Columbia: Not the Same Old Thing!”, 2008
- “Builder’s Liens and Pay When Paid Clauses,” Lorman Seminar, What to Do When Construction Projects Go Bad in British Columbia, 2008
- “Bidding and Tendering: Will the Fun Ever Stop?” Miller Thomson Construction Law seminar, 2008

Publications

- “BC Supreme Court: Province Cannot Surrender Statutorily-Imposed Environmental Assessment Obligations,” *EnviroNotes!*, February 2016
- “Due Diligence in Buying Residential Property—Beware Leaking Oil Tanks,” *EnviroNotes!*, May 2011
- “Tougher Environmental Enforcement Measures Now In Place,” *EnviroNotes!*, BC Client Alert, February 2011
- “Report Indicates Canada Should Implement National Climate Policies Ahead of U.S.,” *Miller Thomson Client Alert*, 2011
- “Consultation Process for Proposed Emissions Trading and Offsets Regulations,” *EnviroNotes!*, December 2010
- “Consultation Process for Proposed Emissions Trading and Offsets Regulations,” *EnviroNotes!*, BC Client Alert, November 3, 2010
- “Major Petroleum Spill in Johnstone Strait in Orca Sanctuary: Due Diligence Lessons for Captains and Barge Owners,” *EnviroNotes!*, September 2010
- “BC Introduces New Clean Energy Act,” *EnviroNotes!*, BC Client Alert, May 2010
- “Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Some Recent Developments in Canada,” *Canadian Consulting Engineer*, 2010
- “Liens and Cost Recovery,” *Canadian Consulting Engineer*, 2009
- “BC’s Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting to Begin on January 1, 2010,” *EnviroNotes!*, BC Client Alert, December 2009
- “British Columbia’s Mandatory Greenhouse Emissions Reporting to Begin on January 1, 2010,” *EnviroNotes!*, December 2009
- “Climate Change: Carbon Tax v. Cap and Trade,” *EnviroNotes!*, BC Client Alert, June 2009

Corporate directorships

- Vice-Chair, Market Development Committee, and Appointed to Advisory Council of Clean Energy Association of BC
- Secretary Treasurer, British Columbia Environment Industry Association

- Executive Member, Canadian Institute of Energy (BC)
- Executive Member, Canadian Bar Association – Administrative Law Section (BC Branch)
- Member, Yukon Law Society Discipline Committee

Memberships & affiliations

- Canadian Wind Energy Association
- Clean Energy Association of BC
- British Columbia Law Society
- Yukon Law Society