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Secteurs et Expertises

SECTEURS

Énergie et ressources naturelles |
Environnement

EXPERTISE

Droit autochtone | Responsabilité sociale
d'entreprise (RSE) et marché du carbone |
Environnement

Biographie

ADMISSION AU BARREAU

Yukon, 2022

Colombie-Britannique, 2021

FORMATION

- Osgoode Certificate in ESG, Climate Risk and the Law, 2022
- JD/Masters of Environmental Studies, Osgoode Hall Law School/York University, 2020
- BA (Human Rights & Global Studies; International Development Studies), University of Winnipeg, 2014

En tant que membre du groupe Litige de Miller Thomson, Christie fournit des conseils juridiques aux communautés et aux entreprises autochtones sur les questions de droit de l'environnement, de droit autochtone, de droit administratif, de réglementation et de responsabilité sociale des entreprises (facteurs

ESG). Elle a représenté des clients devant les tribunaux de la Colombie-Britannique, du Yukon, du Nunavut et du Manitoba. Grâce à son engagement en faveur du climat, Christie adopte une approche compatissante et pluridimensionnelle à sa pratique du droit.

Christie s'investit activement dans diverses organisations dédiées à la justice climatique et aux droits de la personne. Elle siège au comité consultatif ESG de Mondetta Clothing et est membre du groupe de travail juridique du Traité de non-prolifération des combustibles fossiles. De plus, Christie est cofondatrice de *Human Rights Hub Winnipeg*, où elle siège au conseil d'administration, en parallèle de son rôle au sein de *Lawyers for Climate Justice*. Son engagement à façonner un avenir durable et équitable se reflète dans son implication communautaire étendue.

Christie détient un Juris Doctor conjoint à une maîtrise en études environnementales de la faculté de droit Osgoode Hall et de l'Université York, avec un accent sur la responsabilité climatique au Canada. Son parcours académique riche et varié témoigne de son engagement envers les droits de la personne et l'environnement. Elle a publié dans des revues prestigieuses et participé à de nombreuses interventions, illustrant que son dévouement à la recherche juridique et à la défense des droits s'étend au-delà des domaines traditionnels du droit. Elle a été reconnue comme l'une des *Top 30 Under 30* dans le domaine du développement durable pour ses contributions aux discussions mondiales sur le changement climatique.

Engagement

Reconnaissance

- Environmental Law Institute, *Emerging Leaders Initiative*, 2022
- Corporate Knights: Top 30 Under 30 Sustainability Leader, 2019
- Osgoode Hall Law School Upper Year Award of Excellence, 2018
- Gowling WLG Award in Climate Change Law, 2018
- Victor Internship Award in Environmental Law, 2017 & 2018
- The University Women's Club of North York – Lee Robertson Memorial Award, 2017
- Centennial Entrance Scholarship for the Prairie Provinces, 2016
- CBC Manitoba: Future40 Award, 2016
- Canadian Human Rights Commission, the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, and the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties: Sybil Shacks Human Rights Youth Award, 2015
- The Winnipeg Foundation: Emerging Leaders' Fellowship, 2015

Leadership éclairé

Academic publications:

- “The Human Rights-Based Approach to Carbon Finance by Damilola S. Olawuyi.” *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 58.3 (2021) : 759-773.
- “Does Climate Change Increase the Risk of Child Marriage? A Look at What We Know— and What We Don’t—With lessons from Bangladesh and Mozambique”, *Columbia Journal of Gender & Law*, Dec. 2019 (co-authored)

Op-eds and articles:

- “Canada: Trends & Developments”, *Chambers Global Practice Guides – Environmental Law* 2022 (co-authored)
- “Fighting for Change Within (and Outside) the Law” – *CBABC BarTalk*, Dec. 2022
- “Canada: Trends & Developments”, *Chambers Global Practice Guides – Environmental Law* 2021 (co-authored)
- “Canada’s new climate target still jeopardizes our future”, *National Observer*, May 2021 (co-authored)
- “Canada can’t afford to put the climate crisis on the back burner”, *National Observer*, May 2020
- “Canada is seen as a global human rights beacon-but not so much, at home”, *Maclean’s*, June 2017
- “Opting for litigation over reconciliation”, *Winnipeg Free Press*, Apr. 2017
- “Calling all feminists”, *Winnipeg Free Press*, Mar. 2016
- “State of Emergency? Or State of Indifference?”, *Winnipeg Free Press*, Nov. 2015
- “Canada Falling Behind on Gender Equality”, *Winnipeg Free Press*, Apr. 2015

Selected blog articles:

- “The Right to a Healthy Environment Gains Global (and some Canadian) Traction”, *EnviroNotes!*, Jul. 2022
- “Book Review: *Corporate Citizen: New Perspectives on the Globalized Rule of Law* edited by Oonagh E. Fitzgerald”, *The London School of Economics and Political Science*, Apr. 2021
- “SCC Upholds Validity of Federal Government’s Carbon Pricing System”, *EnviroNotes!*, Mar. 2021
- “New triggers requiring site disclosure statements: BC rolls out a new contaminated sites regime”, *EnviroNotes!*, Mar. 2021
- “*Cambie Surgeries Corporation v. British Columbia (Attorney General)*: Case comment”, *Health Communiqué*, Dec. 2020
- “Appeal launched against Federal Court’s dismissal of youth climate change lawsuit”, *EnviroNotes!*, Nov. 2020
- “How Are Vulnerable Populations Impacted by Carbon Pricing Schemes in Canada?”, *Osgoode Environmental Justice and Sustainability Clinic Blog*, Apr. 2018
- “Welcome to Winnipeg: The Human Rights Capital of Canada”, *Human Rights Hub Winnipeg*, Jan. 2018

Presentations & speaking engagements:

- “Learning from Parallels and Precedents: Lessons for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty”, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Symposium, Sept. 2022 (London)
- “International Efforts to Address the Global Climate Crisis”, BC CLE Climate Law Conference, 2022
- “International Climate Litigation & its Applicability to Canada”, Osgoode Hall Law School – Climate Litigation Panel, 2021
- “Climate Litigation Trends”, National Environmental Law Group 2021 Cross Country Seminar, 2021
- “Climate Legislative and Policy Updates”, Environmental Litigation and Project Development, Miller Thomson seminar, 2021
- “An Overview of Bill-C12”, Divest Canada Coalition, 2021
- “Advocating for Climate Change”, Humans, On Rights (podcast), 2021
- “The Weaknesses of Regulating Highly Hazardous Pesticides in International Law”, Guest Lecturer, Osgoode Hall Law School – International Environmental Law class, 2020; 2019
- “Climate Change & Child Marriage”, Columbia Law School Climate Justice Symposium, 2018

Mandats importants

- Successfully argued in Federal Court in the case of *Trophy Lodge NWT Ltd. v. Canada (AG)* (2024 FC 218) that Parks Canada breached the rules of fairness in its handling of Trophy Lodge’s business licence application. The Trophy Lodge is a commercial tourism and sport fishing lodge that has been operating since 1965. It is located within Thaidene Nëné National Park Reserve which was created in 2019. When the lodge was sold and the new owners applied for a licence the application was supported by the local Łutsel K’e Dene First Nation. Parks Canada had denied the licence based in part on the management board’s recommendation.
- Assisted Stk’emlúpsenc te Secwépemc Nation in carrying out an independent Indigenous-led assessment of the proposed Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project.
- Successfully argued in the Territorial Court of Yukon that a warrantless search of a commercial property carried out by the Crown violated rights under section 8 of the *Charter*, and that evidence obtained during the search was to be excluded from future proceedings pursuant to section 24(2) of the *Charter*.
- Successfully challenged the Inspector of Mines’ permit amendment to increase production in the McAbee Quarry on the basis that the amendment was unreasonable and failed to adequately discharge the honour of the Crown regarding the consultation process with the Stk’emlúpsenc te Secwépemc Nation (*Ignace v. British Columbia (Chief Inspector of Mines)*, 2021 BCSC 1989).

Engagement communautaire

- Director, Human Rights Hub Winnipeg, Present
- Communications Working Group, Lawyers for Climate Justice, Present
- Policy Advisor, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Global Steering Committee, Present
- Delegate, Leading Change Canada, 2018 & 2020

- Editor, Osgoode Hall Law Journal, 2016-2018
- Volunteer, Justice Corporate Accountability Project, 2017
- Commissioning Clinic, Parkdale Community Legal Services, 2017
- Board Member, Institute for International Women's Rights-Manitoba, 2016-2017
- Resolutions Committee, Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, 2015-2017
- National Council of Women of Canada Delegate, UN Commission on the Status of Women, 2015
- Founding Member, Friends of Shoal Lake 40, 2015

Associations et affiliations professionnelles

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of British Columbia
- Law Society of the Yukon
- IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Climate Change Law Specialization Group
- Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment