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Sarah is known for her ability to handle difficult legal and commercial issues and find creative solutions that mitigate business risk. Her practice focuses on **public-private partnerships**, project development and finance, Indigenous law, lending and general corporate commercial law.

Sarah's expertise extends to leading major public-private partnership and project finance transactions, including representing proponents and lenders with respect of all phases of public infrastructure and transportation projects.

Additionally, she also advises lenders and resource companies on securing financing or refinancing for projects and facilities in the natural resources sector, and assists clients on a broad range of commercial, regulatory and financing matters.

Experience

- **Gilcrease Expressway West Project (Oklahoma, USA)** – advising the successful proponent
- **Patullo Bridge Replacement Project (British Columbia)** – advising a bidder on its bid submission for the Project
- **Surrey Light Rail Project (British Columbia)** – advising TransLink with respect to the proposed Surrey-Newton-Guildford light rail transit project

- **Terminal Expansion Project (British Columbia)** – advising a federal Crown Corporation in connection with the consultation of Indigenous groups for the purposes of obtaining environmental approvals for a terminal expansion project
- **P3 Hospital Project (Saskatchewan)** – advising a project proponent with respect to the purchase of an equity interest in a P3 hospital project in Saskatchewan
- **P3 Hospital Project (Saskatchewan)** – advising a project proponent with respect to the replacement of a service provider to a P3 hospital project in Saskatchewan
- **20MW Musselshell Wind Projects (Montana, USA)** – advising Potentia Renewables Inc. in connection with the financing of its acquisition of the 20 MW Musselshell Wind Projects in Montana from Goldwind International Holdings (HK) Ltd.
- **Land Tenures (British Columbia)** – advising a B.C. crown corporation in connection with obtaining required land tenures on lands held by Indigenous groups in British Columbia
- **South Fraser Perimeter Road Project (British Columbia)** – advising the successful proponent
- **Providence Care Hospital Project (Ontario)** – advising the underwriter to the successful proponent
- **P3 Road Project (British Columbia)** – advising a British Columbia company with respect to the sale of its equity interest in a P3 road project in Northern British Columbia
- **Pearson Airport Rail Link Spur Project (Ontario)** – advising the lenders to the successful proponent
- **Phase II of the Medical and Related Sciences Discovery District (MaRS II) Project (Ontario)** – advising the lenders to the successful proponent
- **Restigouche Hospital Centre Project (New Brunswick)** – advising a bidder on its bid submission for the Project
- **London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care, London, Ambulatory Care Renovations, Milestone 2 Phase 3 Project (Ontario)** – advising the lenders to the successful proponent
- **St. Thomas Consolidated Courthouse Project (Ontario)** – advising the lenders to the successful proponent
- **St. Joseph's London / St. Thomas Hospitals Project (Ontario)** – advising the lenders to the successful proponent
- **Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care Project (Ontario)** – advising the lenders to the successful proponent
- **Surrey Memorial Hospital Project (British Columbia)** – advising the lenders to the successful proponent
- **Wind Power Project (Nova Scotia)** – advising a lender with respect to refinancing a wind power project in Nova Scotia for the purposes of constructing additional wind turbines
- **Mine Project (Arizona, USA)** – advising a British Columbia mining company with respect to a \$40 million US senior secured development facility for a mine in Arizona
- **Correctional Facility Project (British Columbia)** – advising the Province of British Columbia in connection with developing a forms of agreements for building relations with Indigenous groups in for the purposes of a correctional facility project.

Insights & Events

- Moderator, "Thought Leaders Roundtable: Strategies for Healthcare Planning and Transformation," The Canadian Institute's Canadian Healthcare Infrastructure West, February 2018
- Moderator, "First Nations Development: Putting Structures in Place to Effectively Address the Infrastructure Deficit," Canadian Infrastructure Finance Forum, July 2017
- Speaker, "Financing Aboriginal Ownership of Industry Projects," North of 60 Forum: Unlocking the True Economic Potential, June 2016

- Speaker, “Due Diligence Considerations in Aboriginal Lending,” CBABC banking subsection meeting, March 2016
- Speaker, “Financing Energy and Infrastructure Projects,” Western Canadian Aboriginal Land and Resource Management Forum, February 2016
- Co-author, “Aboriginal Participation in Project Development: Emerging (and Lost) Opportunities,” BarTalk, April 2016
- Transportation services: Adapting in pandemic times, BLG Podcast, November 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 (and since 2020) editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Banking and Finance Law) and in 2024 and 2021 (Project Finance Law and Asset-Based Lending Practice).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Projects: PPP & Infrastructure - Nationwide).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Projects: PPP & Infrastructure).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2023) of *The Legal 500 Canada* as a Next Generation Partner (Infrastructure & Projects).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2020) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Aboriginal Law, Corporate Commercial Law, Infrastructure Law) and in the 2024 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Energy - Electricity, Project Finance).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*.
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*.

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2005
- LLB, University of British Columbia, 2004
- BA (Hons., English language and literature), , Queen's University, 2000

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