Canada's North is unique – legal issues and matters can change quickly here. The advice and counsel of a team who understands the complex socio-political, commercial and environmental development in the Arctic and other northern regions is crucial.

Our lawyers represent clients in key industries and government across Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, Yukon and the upper regions of many provinces.

Our multidisciplinary team collaborates on legal matters, including business transactions and disputes, to develop northern-specific advice and recommend practical solutions for managing business, regulatory issues, and litigation.

We also advise municipalities, governments and Indigenous organizations on a range of legal issues and legislative areas.

Our range of expertise includes:

- disputes (litigation)
- mining
- oil and gas
- marine, air and land transportation
- · telecommunications and broadband
- procurement
- · health services
- education
- climate change and green energy initiatives
- environmental, wildlife management and other permitting and approval processes
- Indigenous law and land claims issue:
- leasing and property rights
- constitutional issues and legislative review

Advising a Territory government on various key procurement agreements.

- regulatory regimes and tax
- labour and employment
- wills, estates and financial services
- intellectual property

Experience

Advice and support in matters before the Nunavut Impact Review Board.
Advice to mining companies regarding permitting; approvals and impact and benefit agreements with Aboriginal communities.
Act as counsel to regional health authorities, advising on a variety of legal issues including potential medical liability issues arising from the proposed introduction of
a traditional healing program into the region's health services mandate.
Acquisition of northern businesses in heavy equipment distribution and pipeline construction.
Advising a banking syndicate active in the Northwest Territories.

Related Expertise

Disputes

Commercial Real Estate

Corporate Commercial

Construction

Indigenous Law

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

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