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Contract Disputes
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Intellectual Property Litigation
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Bradon advises and represents clients on all manner of commercial and civil litigation, administrative and regulatory proceedings, and appeals. His disputes practice includes:

- Oil and gas industry disputes and regulation, including at the provincial and federal levels;
- Electricity regulation, including advising and representing power generators and distribution and transmission facility owners before federal and provincial regulators;
- Environmental matters, including regulatory prevention and compliance;
- Shareholder disputes;
- Corporate governance and officer and director liability;
- Commercial leasing disputes;
- Professional standards and liability;
- Bankruptcy and insolvency; and
- Intellectual property, including patent and trademark claims and breaches of confidentiality.

Bradon has successfully represented clients at all levels of Court in Alberta, the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Canada (leave to appeal), the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Canada Energy Regulator (and its predecessor, the National Energy Board), the Alberta Energy Regulator, and numerous other administrative bodies

Experience

- **Reported Court Decisions:**
  - *Ball v 1979927 Alberta Ltd*, 2024 ABKB 229, involving (among other things) the successful striking of a claim for abuse of process
  - *Dugandzic v Alberta (Law Enforcement Review Board)*, 2024 ABCA 125, a leave to appeal decision relating to a complaint under the *Police Act*
  - *Signalta Resources Limited v Canadian Natural Resources Limited*, 2024 ABKB 115, where BLG obtained a substantial percentage-based costs award following success at trial (currently under appeal)
  - *Signalta Resources Limited v Alberta Balancing Pool*, 2022 ABCA 298, 2022 ABQB 190, and 2021 ABQB 618, where the plaintiff sought recognition of a new duty of care in tort
  - *Edmonton River Valley Conservation Coalition Society v Council of the City of Edmonton*, 2022 ABQB 11 and 2022 ABQB 263, representing a municipal utility in successfully responding to an application to judicially review a City Council decision, with costs in favour of the utility
  - *Pelletier (Re)*, 2021 ABCA 264, 2020 ABCA 450, 2020 ABQB 540, and *Pacer Holdings Construction Corporation v Pelletier*, 2020 ABCA 379, where BLG successfully obtained recognition of foreign bankruptcy and asset freezing orders in Alberta, upheld on appeal
  - *Paragon Capital Corporation Ltd v Starke Dominion Ltd*, 2020 ABCA 216, an appeal relating to the ability of counsel under the *Rules of Court* to register charging orders against land for unpaid fees
  - *Packers Plus Energy Services Inc v Essential Energy Services Ltd*, 2019 FCA 96, where BLG successfully responded to an appeal of a patent infringement trial decision
  - *Fort Hills Energy LP v Jotun A/S*, 2019 ABQB 237, involving the jurisdiction of the Alberta Court over foreign companies involved in a significant energy infrastructure project in Alberta;
  - *PWP Xerion Holdings III LLC v Binnion*, 2018 ABCA 421, where BLG successfully obtained a stay pending the appeal of an order relating to letters rogatory requesting the testimony of Alberta companies and residents for the purposes of foreign proceedings (later resolved without appeal);
  - *Petz v Duguay*, 2018 ABCA 29, where BLG successfully responded to an appeal of a trial decision and costs decision involving a motor vehicle injury and chronic pain claim
- **Select Regulatory/Other Decisions and Proceedings:**
  - *Dugandzic v Calgary (Police Service)*, 2024 ABLERB 6 (Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board)
  - Canada Energy Regulator Decision RH-003-2023, NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. Application for Approval of the North Montney Mainline Tolling Methodology
  - Canada Energy Regulator Decision RH-001-2023, Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. Application for Approval of Incentive Tolls Settlement Agreement
  - Canada Energy Regulator Decision RH-001-2020, Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Application for Canadian Mainline Contracting
  - Canada Energy Regulator Decision RH-001-2019, NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. Application for System Rate Design and Services
  - Regularly acting for Distribution Facility Owners and Transmission Facility Owners in rate hearings before the Alberta Utilities Commission
  - Acting for power generation clients on facilities and interconnection applications before the Alberta Utilities Commission

Insights & Events

- Author, "Significant cases and statistics from the Supreme Court of Canada in 2021", BLG Article, March 2022
- Author, "Top energy issues of 2021, with implications for 2022 and beyond", BLG Article, March 2022
- Author, "Canadian energy oil and gas: Top 20 of 2020 - Legislative developments", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Canadian energy oil and gas: Top 20 of 2020 - Regulatory decisions", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Clean Fuel Standard Regulations released for consultation", BLG Article, December 2020
- Author, "Canadian Energy Oil and Gas: Top Regulatory Decisions and Developments in 2019", BLG Article, January 2020
- Author, "SCC Denies Leave in Chronic Pain Case", BLG Article, June 2019
- Author, "Alberta Repeals its Carbon Tax Legislation", BLG Article, June 2019
- Author, "The Alberta Court Of Appeal Denies Leave To Appeal The AUC's Decision In The Electricity Line Loss Saga", BLG Article, April 2019
- Author, "2018 Top Ten: Regulatory Decisions of Importance to the Canadian Energy Industry", BLG Article, January 2019
- Author, "Alberta Releases Curtailment Rules for Crude Oil and Crude Bitumen Production", BLG Article, December 2018
- Author, "BLG Successfully Defends Damages Award in Chronic Pain Case at Alberta Court of Appeal", BLG Article, December 2018

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Calgary Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2026) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - Ones to Watch (Corporate and Commercial Litigation).

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2017

- JD, University of Toronto, 2016
- BA, University of Calgary, 2013

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