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Experience

- Primary legal counsel to school boards/districts and independent schools in Ontario, Québec, Alberta, and British Columbia.
- Advising on education law, labour relations, employment law and human rights issues.
- Representing the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association in labour relations issues on behalf of 29 Catholic school boards.

- Advising on the establishment and governance of a national university operating in New Brunswick, Ontario and British Columbia.
- Counsel to the Conference of Independent Schools, the Canadian Accedited Independent Schools and Edvance Christian Schools Association.
- Counsel to school boards and independent schools on a range of governance issues, including by-laws, code of conduct and conflict of interest.
- Advising school boards on planning, real estate, construction and municipal law issues.
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