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Marin maintains a commercial litigation practice with a strong focus on defence procurement, government contracts, export controls and government security clearances. He advises national and international military, cybersecurity and technology contractors as they work through Canada's naval and aviation procurement processes and defence sector requirements.

Marin acts for international aerospace companies, naval defence contractors, emerging technology firms, space and satellite organizations and non-profits involved in oversight and human rights work. His clients range from early-stage companies to multinational defence and technology leaders.

His experience spans major federal procurement programs, regulatory compliance and the operational demands facing suppliers in Canada's defence environment. His military service adds practical insight that supports clients as they engage with complex technical and regulatory obligations.

Marin's practice centers on three core areas:

- **Procurement and government contracts:**

Marin represents clients in major defence procurement programs involving shipbuilding, aerospace and urgent federal purchasing. He advises on procurement rules, bid challenges, contract performance issues and the shifting requirements that govern federal contracting. He also acts as counsel to international aerospace and naval corporations seeking to enter the Canadian defence and aviation sectors.

- **Export controls, controlled goods and economic sanctions:**  
Marin guides clients through Canada's Export Control List, Controlled Goods Program and sanctions regimes. He provides practical support for compliance in cross-border transactions and for organizations advancing sensitive technology or supplying equipment subject to export restrictions. His work includes advising on civil aviation regulations, government relations and related trade issues.
- **Government security clearances:**  
Marin assists organizations that must obtain and maintain security clearances to participate in defence projects. He advises on the Industrial Security Program, organizational security screenings and personnel clearances required for federal contracting.

He has appeared before all levels of court in Alberta, the Federal Court of Canada and multiple administrative and arbitral tribunals, including the Canadian International Trade Tribunal.

Alongside his defence-focused work, Marin maintains a commercial litigation practice concentrated on construction disputes and arbitration. He represents owners, contractors and subcontractors in construction and engineering matters.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Canada's Defence Industrial Strategy: New implications for Canadian defence procurement", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "Buying Canadian: Recent developments in Canadian public procurement", BLG Article, May 2025
- Author, "Time waits for no one: Procurement complaints before the CITT", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "Closing Ledore on non-compliance with the PPCLA", BLG Article, May 2024
- Driving into the future: U.K. announces regulatory scheme for the use of automated vehicles, BLG Perspective, December 2023
- Co-Author, "[Emojis, text messages and construction contracts.](#)" On-Site Magazine, November 2023.
- Author, "PPCLA transition periods: What this means for the construction industry", BLG Article, May 2023
- Author, "Why purchase orders alone are not enough: Keep consistent or lose the benefit of the arbitration clause", BLG Article, May 2023
- Co-author, "[Understanding and Competing in Canada's Defense Sector.](#)" For The Defense, May, 2023
- Autonomous vehicle laws in Canada: Provincial & territorial regulatory review, BLG Perspective, January 2023
- Autonomous vehicles: cross jurisdictional regulatory perspectives update, BLG Perspective, October 2022
- Author, "Defence infrastructure projects in Canada: considerations for contractors and subcontractors", BLG Article, September 2022
- Author, "Metaverse real estate: Legal considerations in Canada", BLG Article, August 2022
- Co-Author, "[Prompt payment: The state of play across Canada](#)", On-Site Magazine, July 2022
- Autonomous vehicle laws in the States: Congress offers hope for national regulatory framework, BLG Perspective, June 2022
- Author, "Key legal issues in the metaverse: A primer for Canadian businesses", BLG Article, June 2022
- Autonomous vehicles: Key 2022 industry hotspots, BLG Perspective, April 2022
- Author, "Transitioning from Alberta's Builders' Lien Act to the PPCLA", BLG Article, March 2022
- Author, "Top 10 commercial decisions of 2021", BLG Article, February 2022

- Author, "IOT in construction: How the digital transformation will reshape the industry", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Alberta Builders' Lien Act update: It's time to get your house in order", BLG Article, February 2022
- Autonomous vehicle laws in Canada: Provincial & territorial regulatory landscape, BLG Perspective, December 2021
- Autonomous vehicles: Canada's readiness for the future, BLG Perspective, December 2021
- Speaker, "Construction Law Roundtable", BLG, December 2021
- Author, "Agriculture 4.0: Preparing for the future of Agribusiness", BLG Article, November 2021

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, DRI
- Law Society of Alberta
- Calgary Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- American Bar Association

### Community Involvement

- Coach and Moot Judge, University of Calgary, Faculty of Law (2018-2020)
- Faculty Member, Legal Education Society of Alberta, CPLED (2015-2019)
- Past-Chair, Canadian Bar Association, National Military Law Section (2018-2019)
- NATO Association of Canada

## Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2022) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - Ones to Watch (Construction Law and Corporate & Commercial Litigation).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *The Canadian Legal Expert® Directory* (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *The Expert Special Edition: Infrastructure*.
- Recognized as one of The Peak's 2022 Emerging Leaders.

## Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2015
- JD, University of Toronto, 2014
- BA, University of Western Ontario, 2009



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