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Julie-Anne Pariseau has a diversified practice in line with the environmental issues that businesses, governmental bodies, and First Nations groups, as well as citizens in Québec and across Canada are facing. Julie-Anne is a member of the firm's [Environmental, Social & Governance \(ESG\)](#) leadership team.

She has an in-depth understanding of environmental law in Québec and Canada. She advises clients on compliance matters, as well as on their environmental and regulatory obligations in connection with major projects that impact natural resources.

Julie-Anne has expertise handling environmental issues that may arise in the course of commercial and real estate transactions, including drafting and negotiating contracts, as well as participation in the due diligence process.

In energy law, Julie-Anne is experienced in regulatory and commercial issues. Through many years, she has developed in-depth expertise related to energy projects and, more specifically, renewable energy projects developed in collaboration with Indigenous groups.

In Indigenous law, she has expertise negotiating Impact and Benefit Agreements (IBAs) and works with clients to meet their needs, especially regarding consultation processes and accommodations. Julie-Anne handles the transactional aspects of partnerships created with indigenous communities in renewable energy, electricity and mining. Julie-Anne also provides strategic policy and governance counsel to Indigenous groups seeking to exercise their jurisdiction and authority, including advice on land development, taxation and financing on First

Nations lands, cannabis, and economic development. Julie-Anne is also actively involved in the negotiation and litigation of specific claims across Canada.

Julie-Anne also advises her clients on all aspects of their Canada-wide lobbying activities.

Experience

- Negotiations and Representation of First Nations' in specific claims processes against the Crown;
- Representation of Indigenous Governments in consultation processes with Crowns and Proponents;
- Negotiations on behalf of Indigenous Governments and drafting of Consultation and Accommodation agreements with Crowns;
- Representation of Indigenous Communities in litigation against Crowns and Proponents for failure to consult or inadequate consultation processes;
- Assessment of Indigenous peoples' title and Aboriginal rights' claims;
- Provide legal opinions to an Ontario First Nation community and participate in the negotiation with the Ontario Ministry of Environment regarding the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate this First Nation being impacted by hydro projects on their traditional territories;
- Engage in round tables and negotiation with a private energy company currently owning three hydro facilities located on the First Nation traditional territories;
- Provide legal opinions to an Ontario First Nation community impacted by a gold project regarding the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate;
- Negotiating on behalf of an Ontario First Nation with a mining company currently developing and operating a mining project on the First Nation traditional territories;
- Provide legal opinions to a First Nation community with ancestral rights in Ontario being impacted by the development of collective transportation projects in the Greater Toronto Area. Engage in discussion with an agency of the Government of Ontario regarding the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate;
- Provide legal opinions to a Quebec First Nation community regarding the Quebec government's duty to consult and accommodate this First Nation being impacted by multiple Hydro-Quebec projects on their traditional territories;
- Counsel to several First Nation Development Corporations established to attract own revenues sources for First Nations and lead to long-term economic sustainability;
- Counsel to several First Nations on the establishment of cannabis laws on First Nations lands;
- Counsel to First Nations cannabis producers and retailers on licence and project development on Indigenous lands;
- Counsel to First Nations on the establishment of tax and assessment on First Nations;
- Advise Indigenous Governments on self-government, drafting of Constitutions, creation of institutions and related policies regarding governance and conflict of interests;
- Counsel to several First Nations on the establishment of their own law enforcement mechanism and laws;
- Counsel to developers, purchasers, sellers and Indigenous businesses regarding renewable generating projects in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta;
- Counsel to developers, purchasers, sellers and Indigenous businesses regarding electricity market regulatory issues across Canada;
- Advised clients on various aspects of the environmental review and impact assessment process, under the *Environment Quality Act*;
- Advised and acted for clients in the sale, purchase and restructuring of businesses, as well as in obtaining various permits, licences and regulatory authorizations;

- Advised clients in environmental law and Indigenous law in the context of various major mining and renewable energy projects in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta (development phase, permitting, construction and commissioning);
- Negotiated impact and benefit agreements in connection with the development of major mining projects across Canada;
- Advised clients regarding lobbying activities and the registration of mandates with the Registry of Lobbyists.

Insights Rollup

- BLG Talks Mining: Where do we go from here?, BLG Video, June 2021
- Author, "State of regulation of plastics in Canada: The basics", BLG Article, March 2021
- Author, "Environmental obligations and compliance during the COVID-19 pandemic: A Canadian comparison", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "COVID-19 and your environmental obligations – Cross-country update", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "COVID-19 and your environmental obligations", BLG Article, March 2020

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Barreau du Québec

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2017
- Québec, 2010
- LLM, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2016
- LLB, Université de Montréal, 2009

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