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Disputes
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Sarah's practice includes all aspects of commercial arbitration and litigation. Sarah acts for clients in a broad range of matters, including contract disputes, defamation law, real estate disputes and appeals, and has a particular expertise assisting construction clients with disputes arising from their projects.

Sarah has particular expertise in construction disputes, having successfully represented clients in complex matters at all levels of court in British Columbia, and the Court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan. She also regularly appears as counsel in significant domestic and international commercial arbitration proceedings in a wide variety of industry sectors, including construction and infrastructure, energy, mining, pharmaceuticals, and manufacturing.

Sarah is also routinely asked to advise on drafting and interpreting arbitration and multi-step dispute resolution clauses, as well as helping clients navigate their related procedures, including settlement meetings, referee procedures and hearings, and jurisdictional issues.

Prior to joining BLG, Sarah clerked for the Honourable Madam Justice Gagné of the Federal Court and Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada.

Sarah is fluently bilingual in French and English and can advise on matters in both official languages.

Experience

- Sarah's experience includes, but is not limited to, the following.
    - Counsel to the successful party in a joint venture dispute arising in relation to a major mine in an Asian state (UNCITRAL).
    - Counsel in an expedited arbitration proceeding with respect to a dispute under a manufacturing agreement for a life sciences and biotechnology research client (VanIAC).
    - Counsel to a general contractor in a dispute relating to non-payment, successfully advancing a claim to obtain compensation for services rendered, and defending against claims for alleged defects, and deficiencies (ad hoc).
    - Counsel to the purchaser of shares in a post-closing adjustments dispute, focusing on the application of generally accepted accounting principles (VanIAC).
    - Counsel to a British Columbia energy utility in a series of construction-related claims arising from a major public infrastructure project (VanIAC).
    - Counsel to an energy purchaser in a dispute relating to the construction of a run-of-river hydroelectric project (VanIAC).
    - Counsel to a major British Columbia insurer in respect of a dispute with a broker.
    - Counsel to the successful respondent on an application for leave to appeal from an arbitration award issued by the Honourable Ian Binnie (Clemina Hydro Power Limited Partnership v. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority).
    - Counsel in four actions, involving multiple applications to have certificates of pending litigation cancelled because the underlying pleadings did not claim an interest in land, successfully obtaining cancellation orders, with an order of special costs in three applications (1113464 B.C. Ltd. v. 1207795 B.C. Ltd., 1267070 B.C. Ltd. v. 1208471 B.C. Ltd., Maharaj v. Chou).

Insights & Events

- Author, "CPL cancellation in B.C.: Court of Appeal clarifies protective actions and abuse of process", BLG Article, September 2026
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal allows social media defamation claim to proceed and awards costs against anti-SLAPP applicant", BLG Article, August 2026
- Speaker, “Canada’s place in the international enforcement landscape in light of recent case law”, YCAP 2026 Spring Symposium, May 2026
- Author, "Beyond damages: When specific performance prevails in British Columbia real estate litigation", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "Real estate purchaser protections upheld: B.C. Court of Appeal confirms that a purchaser’s lien survives despite an alternative claim for rescission", BLG Article, July 2025
- Author, "Business Defamation Law", CLEBC, July 2025
- Presenter, “In House Counsel Series: Canada – USA Tariff Update", BLG U, May 2025
- Author, "Hansman v. Neufeld – SCC decision confirms that certain “counter-speech” is deserving of protection", BLG Article, May 2023
- Co-Author, "When Being Reasonable Is Not Enough," ADR Institute of Canada, March 2022.
- Author, "Federal Government Introduces Prompt Payment Legislation for Construction Projects on Federal Land", BLG Article, May 2019

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Arbitration Committee, International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution
- Member, Dispute Prevention Committee, International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution
- Policy and Advocacy Committee, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners
- Member, ICC Canada Arbitration Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Steering Committee, Laskin Moot Court Competition
- Member, Advocates' Society
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Law Society of Saskatchewan

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 editon (and since 2025) of *Benchmark Litigation* as a Future Star.
- Recognized in the 2025 editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - Ones to Watch™ (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)
- Received the Richard R. Sugden, Q.C. Prize in Trial Advocacy while completing the Allan McEachern Advanced Trial Advocacy Course.
- Awarded Second Place Factum at the Laskin Moot, a national bilingual moot court competition in constitutional and administrative law, where Sarah mooted in French.

Bar Admission & Education

- Saskatchewan, 2019
- Ontario, 2017
- British Columbia, 2017

- JD, University of British Columbia, 2016
- BFA, Emily Carr University of Art & Design, 2013

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