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Matti is a partner with over 15 years of experience. She is a highly experienced advocate in court and practices in all areas of commercial litigation. Matti regularly appears in court, with many reported decisions. She has represented parties in both domestic and international litigation and arbitration, and is very adept at navigating cross-border matters and appeals. She assists clients in a range of industry sectors, including intellectual property, oil and gas, construction, banking and insolvency, environmental, real property, utilities, insurance, mining and others. Her practice includes representing clients in disputes and compliance matters in shareholder and partnership disputes, fraud, oil and gas interests, securities, project specific disputes, environmental contamination, debts, contested insolvency proceedings, copyright, trademark and confidential information.

Matti has represented parties before all levels of court in Canada, including all levels in Alberta and the Federal Courts, and in British Columbia, Ontario, Nova Scotia, all levels in the Falkland Islands, and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. She has acted as counsel in high-value and complex private and investor-state international arbitrations under ad hoc and institutional rules including ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, under treaties including NAFTA, WTO-TRIPS and Berne Convention and in domestic arbitrations under ADRIC rules. Matti is the Environmental Group leader at BLG Calgary. She is a director of the ADR Institute of Canada.

Matti provides legal services through a Law Corporation.

Experience

- Representing clients in various insolvency matters, including the monitor in cross-border restructurings, the receiver in various Alberta receiverships and creditors in various Canadian insolvency proceedings.
- Representing clients before the ICC International Court of Arbitration.
- Representing international oil & gas companies in environmental contamination disputes.
- Representing clients in relation to intellectual property disputes, including copyright infringement, breach of confidentiality and trademark infringement.
- Representing clients on environmental aspects of transactions.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Shell directors not liable in U.K. for climate change policies", BLG Article, June 2023
- Author, "Appeal rights continue to be very limited for arbitration awards", BLG Article, June 2023
- Author, "Court applies Redwater principles outside formal bankruptcy proceedings", BLG Article, April 2023
- Author, "Arbitration case-law update: Q1 2023", BLG Article, March 2023
- Author, "Top Energy Issues in Canada with implications for 2023 and beyond", BLG Article, January 2023
- Author, "Supreme Court of Canada clarifies when arbitration may be used in an insolvency situation", BLG Article, December 2022
- Author, "Legislature passes Alberta Sovereignty within a United Canada Act: Overview and implications", BLG Article, December 2022
- Author, "Court of Appeal finds Federal Impact Assessment Act unconstitutional", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Top 10 recent legal developments impacting commercial litigation in Alberta", BLG Article, March 2022
- Author, "Top energy issues of 2021, with implications for 2022 and beyond", BLG Article, March 2022
- Diversity and ADR: an Advocates' Perspective and Why it Matters for Your Case, ADRIC 2021: Culture, Conflict and Confluence Webinar Series, November 25, 2021
- Author, "Omitting the fine print: Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench refuses to enforce arbitration clause", BLG Article, September 2021
- Author, "Canadian energy oil and gas: Top 20 of 2020 - Regulatory decisions", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Environmental obligations and compliance during the COVID-19 pandemic: A Canadian comparison", BLG Article, February 2021
- Co-Author, "Recent Judicial Developments of Interest to Energy Lawyers," Alberta Law Review, 2020.
- Author, "AER rejects Shell/Pieridae asset transfer: implications for insolvency matters", BLG Article, July 2020
- Author, "Fort McKay v. Prosper boards, tribunals and the honour of the crown", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "Climate change litigation and disclosure implications during COVID-19", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "Notice of claim may begin limitation period for third party environmental contamination claims", BLG Article, May 2020
- Author, "Canadian oil and gas: Non-operators' remedies", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "COVID-19: Shareholder and corporate disputes", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "Emergency legislative amendments to support Alberta's oil and gas sector", BLG Article, April 2020

- Author, "Alberta Government must decide on the future of Oil Sands project", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "Alberta Court of Appeal sets negotiation parameters in interpreting contracts", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "Time limits for processing infrastructure applications under CER Act", BLG Article, February 2020

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, Insolvency South, Environmental South and Litigation South Sections / Alberta Justice and Advocacy Committee
- Member, International Bar Association, Insolvency and Young Lawyers Sections
- Member, International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL)
- Member, Turnaround Management Association
- Member, Young International Arbitration Group / London Court of Arbitration
- Member, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Young Arbitrators Forum
- Member, Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Member, World Petroleum Council Young Writers Fellowship
- Member, International Centre for Dispute Resolution
- Member, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) Geophysical Committee
- Member, CBA South Section Legislative Review Committee
- Corporate Director, Arbitration Dispute Resolution Institute of Canada (ADRIC)

Community Involvement

- CPLED Learning Group Facilitator, Law Society of Alberta

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2023 (and since 2019) edition of *Benchmark Canada – The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* (Litigation Star - Arbitration; Commercial; Insolvency; Energy).
- Recognized in the 2022 (and since 2020) edition of the *Benchmark 40 & Under Hot List*
- Awarded 2014 International Bar Association Scholarship for Insolvency Section on Liability of Directors of Insolvent Corporations for Environmental Liabilities

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2010
- LLB with a specialization in environmental law, Dalhousie University, 2009, (included an exchange program at Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, The Netherlands and an international intellectual property exchange program at St. Peter's College, Oxford University in Oxford, England)
- BA (Hons., with Distinction), University of Alberta, 2006



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