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Heidi is a senior associate in the firm's Environmental, Municipal, Expropriation and Regulatory group in BLG's Vancouver office.

Heidi has a wide range of legal experience guiding individuals, companies and government agencies through regulatory processes, administrative and civil proceedings, and quasi-criminal environmental prosecutions relating to natural resource, construction, and other industrial projects.

Heidi's services cover:

- due diligence matters;
- permitting (including environmental assessments);
- land rights (including leases and other land access and tenure agreements);
- regulatory compliance; and
- emergency response

She also defends companies and individuals in federal, provincial and municipal enforcement matters, from assisting with inspections and investigations to representing clients charged with environmental offences.

Over the course of her career, Heidi has also assisted developers and property owners dealing with redeveloping and remediating contaminated properties, including in disputes between neighbouring property owners, and navigating environmental clean-up orders.

Prior to joining the firm, Heidi clerked at the Federal Court of Canada and practiced in the Vancouver office of an international law firm.

Before entering the legal profession, she studied environmental engineering at the University of Waterloo, with a focus on water and wastewater treatment. She has worked in the manufacturing, water treatment, and oil and gas industries, as well as in the public and non-profit sectors.

Heidi's scientific expertise, hands-on experience and multidisciplinary approach to the law helps her provide clients with practical solutions to complex environmental and regulatory law matters.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Do American First Nations have aboriginal rights in Canada?", BLG Article, June 2021
- Supply chains in a post-pandemic world, BLG Perspective, June 2021
- Author, "British Columbia Breaks New Ground on the Regulation of Contaminated Sites," British Columbia Environmental Industry Guide, June 2021.
- Co-author, Environmental Law Chapter, Annual Review of Law and Practice, The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (CLE BC), 2021 edition
- Author, "Key developments in British Columbia and federal environmental law", BLG Article, April 2021
- Author, "Canadian energy oil and gas: Top 20 of 2020 - Legislative developments", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Amendments to the British Columbia contaminated sites regime", BLG Article, February 2021
- Speaker, "Impact of COVID-19 on Environmental Obligations, Regulatory Processes and Disputes," BLG-U, November 2020.
- Speaker, "Spill preparedness, response, reporting and recovery: Statutory Obligations, Risks and What's Next?", Environmental Operators Certification Program Conference, September 2020.
- Co-author, "A New Landscape for Environmental Assessments in Canada," British Columbia Environmental Industry Guide, May 2020.
- Author, "COVID-19 and your environmental obligations – Cross-country update", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "Consequences of the Mount Polley Dam Failure: Amendments to the Mines Act", BLG Article, March 2016
- Co-author, "Environmental Law" chapter, Annual Review of Law and Practice, The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (CLE BC), 2020 edition.
- Co-author, "Farming the Constitution: The Illegality of Excluding Alberta Farmworkers from Labour and Employment Legislation" in S McDonald and B Barnettson (eds), Agrarian Myths, Transnational Dreams, Rural Realities: A Reader on Farm Workers in Western Canada (University of Alberta Press, 2016).
- Contributor, "Maritime Law," Annual Review of Law and Practice, Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, 2016.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Environmental Law Section, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Aboriginal Law Section, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Administrative Law Section, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia

- Member, Vancouver Bar Association

Community Involvement

- BLG Reads to Kids

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