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Michael handles disputes, litigation, arbitration and administrative law matters for clients, with significant experience representing clients in oil and gas and energy litigation, commercial litigation, expropriation, municipal law, bankruptcy and insolvency, and energy regulatory proceedings.

Michael regularly appears before the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, the Alberta Court of Appeal, and various commercial arbitrators and administrative tribunals (including the Alberta Energy Regulator and Alberta Land Compensation Board).

Prior to completing his articles with BLG in 1999, Michael clerked with the Alberta Court of Appeal and Alberta Court of Queen's Bench.

Within BLG's Calgary office, he serves as the Regional Group Manager of our Disputes Group, the Regional Co-Leader of our Appellate Advocacy Group, and Co-Chair of BLG Calgary's Pro Bono Committee.

Michael provides legal services through a Law Corporation.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Public inquiry into anti-Alberta energy campaigns to proceed after court dismissal", BLG Article, June 2021
- Author, "Federal Court of Appeal lifts injunction on Alberta's "turn off the taps" legislation", BLG Article, May 2021
- Author, "Court rules party cannot rely on exculpatory clause to avoid liability for deceit", BLG Article, May 2021
- Panelist, Litigated proceedings in a COVID and Post COVID World: Permanent Change or Transient Blips?, Energy Regulatory Forum, May 2021
- Author, "Operators' remedies in uncertain economic times", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "Canadian oil and gas: Non-operators' remedies", BLG Article, April 2020
- Sober second thoughts: litigating purchase and sale agreements in the energy industry, CBA Alberta Business Law South Section
- 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, "COVID-19: issues for the Canadian oil & gas industry", BLG Article, March 2020
- Author, "Court of Appeal confirms Alberta's power over oil and gas development and greenhouse gas emissions", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "Major victory for Trans Mountain after federal court dismisses appeal", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "Canadian Energy Oil and Gas: Top Judicial Decisions and Trends in 2019", BLG Article, January 2020
- Author, "SCC dismisses BC's bid to regulate interprovincial oil transportation", BLG Article, January 2020
- Author, "BLG Lawyers Speak at CELF's 58th Annual Jasper Research Seminar", BLG Article, June 2019
- Author, "The Lawyer's Daily: Legal observers divided over constitutionality of Alberta energy export law", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "A Victory for Canadian Energy Development & Federalism: BC Court of Appeal Reference Case", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Carbon, Taxed: The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal Ruling on the Federal Carbon Tax – What Happened and What's Next?", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "National Securities Regulator Gets Go-Ahead from Supreme Court", BLG Article, November 2018
- Author, "Road to the legalization of recreational cannabis: What employers should know", BLG Article, October 2018
- Author, "BLG's Annual Financial Services Symposium", BLG Article, October 2018
- Co-Author, "Habendum Conundrum," CAPL Negotiator Magazine, June 2018
- Author, "2017 Year in Review: Top 10 Judicial Decisions and Trends of Importance to the Canadian Energy Industry", BLG Article, January 2018
- Author, "2017 Year in Review: Top 10 Legislative and Regulatory Changes of Significance to the Canadian Energy Industry", BLG Article, January 2018
- Author, "Stay out of it: Sophisticated parties can contract out of arbitration legislation", BLG Article, November 2017

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Professional Involvement

- Board Director, Pro Bono Law Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association (Alberta Branch), Civil Litigation, Administrative Law, Natural Resources and Insolvency Law subsections
- Member, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)
- Member, Canadian Energy Law Foundation (CELF)
- Member, Alberta Expropriation Association, 2006-present

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2022 (and since 2018) edition of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Litigation: General Commercial – Alberta and Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use – Alberta). Recognized in 2017 and 2016 editions for Dispute Resolution: Alberta, and previously recognized in the 2013-15 editions of *Chambers Global* for Dispute Resolution: Alberta.
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Litigation- Corporate Commercial, Energy - Oil and Gas).
- Recognized in the 2021 (and since 2019) edition of *Benchmark Canada – The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* (Litigation Star: Arbitration, Class Actions, Commercial, Intellectual Property, Securities).
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* for Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law (since 2015), Corporate and Commercial Litigation (since 2017), Oil & Gas Law (since 2017) and Energy Law and Energy Regulatory Law (since 2018).
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- Recognized in the 2018 and 2017 editions of *Benchmark Canada - The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Local Litigation Star: Alberta" (Arbitration, Construction, Energy and Natural Resources
- General Commercial, Insolvency, Oil & Gas). Recognized in the 2016 and 2015 editions as a "Future Star: Alberta".
- Recognized as a 2008 *Lexpert® Rising Star – Leading Lawyers under 40*.

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 1999
- LLB, University of Manitoba, 1998
- B. Comm. (Hons., with Distinction), major in Finance, University of Manitoba, 1995



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