



## Laurie Ziola

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Laurie's practice focuses on commercial litigation, oil and gas litigation and regulatory proceedings, as well as corporate commercial work in the energy sector.

After 16 years as in-house counsel, Laurie brings a strong appreciation of clients' business objectives and the ability to align those objectives with legal strategy in complex litigation and regulatory proceedings.

Laurie articulated and practiced in Edmonton with a focus on commercial litigation and competition law.

Laurie has held senior legal counsel roles with a number of companies in the energy sector, with a focus on oil and gas.

Prior to joining BLG, Laurie worked as senior legal counsel for a storage facility overseeing commercial agreements with storage customers, construction contracts, environmental agreements, land contracts, litigation and regulatory matters.

## Experience

- Extensive experience advising on and litigating a wide range of legal issues, including issues specific to the oil and gas industry.

- Extensive knowledge of all aspects of the regulatory approval, operation and expansion of storage operations, including working with technical experts and addressing the legislative and regulatory challenges facing the storage industry in Alberta.
- Experience advising on regulatory issues respecting pipelines.
- Experience drafting, advising on and litigating contracts associated with the oil and gas industry, including marketing contracts, working interest and joint venture agreements.
- Experience defending allegations of anti-competitive behaviour under the *Competition Act*, including offenses in relation to competition and deceptive marketing practices.
- Experience drafting and enforcing corporate governance provisions in the oil and gas industry.
- Experience managing complicated commercial litigation files, including oil and gas litigation files with large document productions.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Top energy issues of 2021, with implications for 2022 and beyond", BLG Article, March 2022
- Author, "The Resource: BLG Energy Law Blog — August 2016 Digest", BLG Article, September 2016

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Past Administrator for the Calgary CPLED course, Legal Education Society of Alberta
- Past legal writer/researcher for the CPLED course, Legal Education Society of Alberta

## Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 1986
- JD, University of Saskatchewan, 1985
- BA (Hons.), University of Saskatchewan, 1985

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