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Graham practises transportation law (with a focus on shipping law, rail and trucking), environmental law, insurance claim defense and general commercial litigation.

He has acted as counsel on numerous marine casualties, terminal and cargo claims, environmental prosecutions and civil disputes involving environmental issues. For example:

- land development impacts
- air pollution
- migrating pollution
- fisheries issues
- transport of dangerous goods
- agricultural issues
- heritage issues
- First Nations issues
- mining issues
- forestry issues
- administrative matters

Graham is the Group Head of the Specialized Disputes group and the National Business Leader of the Insurance & Tort Liability Group.

## Experience

- Counsel on a myriad of marine and transportation matters, including marine pollution, casualties, commercial disputes, cargo claims, bills of lading and contracts of affreightment disputes, collision, allision/grounding claims, derailments, ship arrest and sale, cargo arrest, Mareva injunctions, dangerous goods, immigration, coasting permits and cabotage, purchase/sale of vessels, financing, terminal services agreements, warehouse leases, charterparties.
- Lead counsel in the *CN v. ABC Recycling* case, the first decision in BC to consider what are reasonably incurred costs of remediation under BC's *Environmental Management Act*.
- Counsel on many insurance claims, environmental prosecutions and civil disputes involving environmental issues, including land development impacts, migrating pollution, fisheries issues, transport of dangerous goods, agricultural issues, heritage issues, First Nations issues, mining issues, forestry issues and administrative matters.
- Vast experience drafting and negotiating terminal service agreements (for both terminals and shippers).
- Broad experience drafting and negotiating environmental management and remediation cost agreements and access agreements.
- Insurance and Tort practice focuses on issues of particular import to the transportation, environmental, and construction industries, and includes advice on coverage issues, product liability and warranty issues.
- General practice has included appearances before municipal councils, administrative tribunals, and provincial, superior, appellate and federal courts and educational seminars for the judiciary, the bar, clients and businesses.
- Also active in mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

## Insights & Events

- Co-Author, "The 12th Annual BLG Environmental Law Update," BLG Publication, 2016.
- Trends to watch in 2021 – Disputes: accelerated transformation
- Trends to watch in 2021 – Supply chains: ensuring resiliency
- 32nd Annual Maritime Law Seminar Webinar
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Director, Canadian Maritime Law Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Environmental Litigation Subsection
- Member, Plimsoll Club

### Community Involvement

- Coach, West Vancouver Field Hockey Club
- Coach, Handsworth Senior Secondary Field Hockey
- Member, West Vancouver Yacht Club

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Doyle's Guide : Leading Transport Lawyers – Canada*
- Recognized in the 2021 edition (and since 2014) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* (Environmental Law, Maritime Law, Transportation Law).
- Recognized in the 2021 (and since 2016) editions of *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Transportation: Shipping- Nationwide).
- Recognized in the 2021 edition (and since 2011) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Shipping & Maritime Law).
- Recognized in the 2021 (and since 2015) editions of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Local Litigation Star: British Columbia" and a "Litigation Star: Insurance and Maritime."

## Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 1994
- LLB, University of British Columbia, 1993
- BA, University of Victoria, 1989

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