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Erika has a multi-disciplinary solicitor/litigator practice. She focuses primarily in the areas of environmental, municipal, health, expropriation and regulatory law.

She has extensive experience drafting bylaws and policies, conducting legal research, providing legal advice and opinions and negotiating and drafting agreements.

She has also acted as counsel in legal proceedings before administrative tribunals and in civil litigation, judicial review and injunction proceedings before all levels of British Columbia courts.

Experience

- Drafted bylaws and policies regulating, among other things, construction, farming, flooding, governance, highways, land subdivision, use and development, licencing, municipal taxation, noise control, professional credentialing and discipline, soil deposit and removal, and signs.
- Negotiated and drafted a wide variety of legal agreements including, but not limited to:
 - o confidentiality and intellectual property agreements;
 - o construction, infrastructure and expropriation agreements;
 - o environmental remediation, water service, and flooding agreements;
 - o real estate agreements (e.g. covenants, development agreements, easements, encroachment agreements, housing agreements, latecomer agreements, leases, licences, parking agreements, purchase and sale agreements, and statutory right of ways); and
 - technology service and telecommunication agreements.



- Acted as counsel in legal proceedings before administrative tribunals. Representative cases can be viewed below:
 - Kahan v. J.I. Properties and others, 2017 BCHRT 25 (Application to dismiss complaint before the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal)
 - KN v. Interior Health Authority, 2016-CCA-001(a)(Adjudication of appeal before the Community Care and Assisted Living Appeal Board)
- Acted as counsel in civil litigation, judicial review and injunction proceedings before all levels of British Columbia courts. Representative cases can be viewed below:
 - Neurvana Recovery and Wellness Inc. v. British Columbia (Ministry of Children and Family
 Development), 2017 BCSC 18 (Judicial review of actions taken by the B.C. Ministry of Children
 and Family Development and Interior Health Authority)
 - Nagase v. Entwistle, 2016 BCCA 257 (Appeal from the dismissal of a defamation claim brought against Dr. Entwistle, Interior Health Authority and others)
 - Providence Health Care v. Dunkley, 2016 BCSC 1383 (Judicial review of a British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal decision)
 - Turney v. Langley (Township), 2016 BCSC 1099 (Petition for declaratory relief and an order of mandamus)

Insights & Events

- Author, "Electronic meetings of local government bodies during the COVID-19 pandemic", BLG Article, May 2020
- Author, "British Columbia Unveils New Clean Energy Plan", BLG Article, December 2018
- 2017 Year In Review: Top 10 Regulatory Decisions of Importance to the Canadian Energy Industry
- Case Law Update 2017 a Year in Review
- Overview of B.C.'s New Spill Reporting Regulation
- Co-Author, "Time Keeps Ticking: Implications of the New Undue Delay Framework on Regulatory Prosecutions," BLG Environmental Law Newsletter, Fall 2017
- Author, "Time Keeps Ticking: Implications of the New Undue Delay Framework on Regulatory Prosecutions", BLG Article, October 2017
- Legislative and Regulatory Update
- Uncivil Civic Engagement
- Lectures on Administrative Law in the Local Government Context
- Co-Author, "2017 Year In Review: Top 10 Regulatory Decisions of Import to the Canadian Energy Industry", The Resource: BLG Energy Law Blog
- Co-Author, "Time Keeps Ticking: Implications of the New Undue Delay Framework on Regulatory Prosecutions," BLG Environmental Law Newsletter, Fall 2017
- Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (CLE BC) Papers: "Medical Assistance in Dving", October 2016
- Panel on Medical Assistance in Dying
- Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (CLE BC): "The What, When and How of Subdivision Dedications", May 2016
- Carter and Bill C-14 Legal Issues
- Lectures on Administrative Law in the Local Government Context
- Author, "Time Keeps Ticking Implications of the New Undue Delay Framework on Regulatory Prosecutions", BLG Article, January 1999



Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Canadian Bar Association: Health Section Executive and Administrative Law, Public Sector Lawyers, Civil Litigation, Municipal Law, and Real Property Section

Community Involvement

- Volunteer Lawyer, Access Pro Bono
- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids Program
- Supervising Lawyer, Pro Bono Students Canada/UBC Homeless ID Clinic

Awards & Recognitions

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Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2012
- JD, Dalhousie University, 2011

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