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Laura Poppel is an experienced general commercial litigator who handles every file with the client's goals in mind, whether it's an oil and gas dispute, a regulatory investigation or prosecution, a dispute between shareholders or regarding director or officer duties, or a proposed class action.

Recognized by both Lexpert and Best Lawyers, Laura has successfully represented some of Canada's biggest financial institutions and energy companies. A seasoned trial lawyer, she has appeared at all levels of Alberta court, in Federal Court and before the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization and the Alberta Utilities Commission. Laura has represented clients in complex hearings with millions of dollars at stake and major regulatory investigations that have the potential for significant financial penalties and reputational harm.

Laura is a frank, efficient and proactive legal advisor who is committed to understanding her client's business and ensuring they're informed and comfortable at every stage of the dispute. She is confident and compelling in a courtroom but will work to achieve the client's best outcome, whether that's through arbitration, mediation or litigation.

Experience

- **Nova Chemicals Corporation, as co-counsel, in a successful application** concerning the Province of Alberta's unlawful collection of C$20 million in royalties relating to gas processed at the Harmattan Gas Processing Plant.

- **PrairieSky Royalty Ltd., in a successful King's Bench trial** concerning whether a royalty constituted an interest in unpatented Crown lands.
- **Bank of Montreal, in a successful Provincial Court trial** concerning the bank's regulatory obligations upon termination of an employee.
- **A privately held renewable power corporation in the successful dismissal of an appeal** concerning the proper jurisdiction for litigation regarding a project located in California.
- **An Alberta realtor and her brokerage in successfully defending an appeal** of a trial decision concerning a residential property claim.
- **IntelliView Technologies Inc. in successful applications** to declare an individual a vexatious litigant at both the Court of Queen's Bench and the Federal Court of Canada.
- **Bank of Nova Scotia in a successful application for summary dismissal** of three potential class actions.
- **Market Surveillance Administrator, as intervener, in successfully dismissing** an application for judicial review given there were related and ongoing proceedings about the issue already before the Alberta Utilities Commission.
- **Market Surveillance Administrator** in Alberta Utilities Commission Proceeding No. 23535: Application for Approval of a Settlement Agreement.
- **Market Surveillance Administrator** in Alberta Utilities Commission Proceeding 22797: Applications to review and vary Decision 21115-D01-2017.
- **Market Surveillance Administrator** in Alberta Utilities Commission Proceeding 21115: Application by the Market Surveillance Administrator Regarding the Publication of the Historical Trading Report.
- **Market Surveillance Administrator** in Alberta Utilities Commission Proceeding No. 3110: Market Surveillance Administrator allegations against TransAlta Corporation et al., Mr. Nathan Kaiser and Mr. Scott Connelly.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Future Uncertainty In Plans Of Arrangement", BLG Article, October 2016
- Author, "Court Affirms Deferring Jurisdiction To Legislatively Established Specialized Tribunals", BLG Article, February 2016
- Author, "Commercial litigation year in review: 5 notable dispute decisions from 2023", BLG Article, January 2024
- Author, "Words of caution for executing mergers", BLG Article, December 2023
- Author, "ABCA clarifies approach to determining a successful party's entitlement to costs", BLG Article, June 2023
- Author, "Court orders Alberta's Minister of Energy to return $20 million in unlawfully collected royalties", BLG Article, March 2023
- Author, "Unable to Unwind: Despite finding error, Alberta Court of Appeal unable to unwind plan of arrangement", BLG Article, February 2023
- Author, "Court clarifies law regarding royalties as interests in land and common law priority rules", BLG Article, January 2023
- Author, "Court rules party cannot rely on exculpatory clause to avoid liability for deceit", BLG Article, 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
- Author, "Alberta Small Claims Court Adds New Forms and Procedure Regulations", BLG Article, March 2019
- Author, "New Changes to the Provincial Court Process in Alberta", BLG Article, February 2019

- Co-Author, “The Guide to Energy Market Manipulation,” Global Competition Review, March 2018
- Co-author, "Common Ground? The Doctrine of Common Interest Privilege in Canada", Annual Review of Civil Litigation, 2018.
- Author, “The Post-Sattva Scope of Arbitration Appeal,” ADR Perspectives (ADR Institute of Canada).
- Co-Author, "Amendments to the Drop Dead Rule in Alberta," The Resource: BLG Energy Law Blog, October 12, 2016
- Author, "The Resource: BLG Energy Law Blog — August 2016 Digest", BLG Article, September 2016
- Co-Author, "Court Orders Production of Native Accounting Records Where Operator Fails to Maintain An Oil Sands Project Carried Account," The Resource: BLG Energy Law Blog, August 15, 2016
- Author, "The Resource: BLG Energy Law Blog January Digest", BLG Article, February 2016
- 2015 Year in Review: Top 10 Regulatory Decisions of Import to the Canadian Energy Industry

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Calgary Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Energy (Oil & Gas)).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)
- Recognized in the 2026, 2025 and 2023 editions of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2015

- JD, University of Manitoba, 2014
- BA, Brandon University, 2010

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