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Chris is Counsel in our Corporate Commercial Group whose practice focuses on Indigenous law.

He has extensive experience representing First Nations organizations on a range of partnerships, commercial arrangements and governance matters.

As the western regional lead for our Indigenous Law Group, Chris works to build strategic and durable relationships between government, industry and Indigenous organizations.

Prior to joining BLG, Chris served as the Director General for the western negotiations branch of Crown-Indigenous Relations. In that role, he led a large team of federal negotiators at more than 60 sets of tables across British Columbia and the Yukon.

From 2014 to 2018 Chris was a senior counsel at BC Hydro, leading many different aspects of their First Nations engagement. From 2001 to 2014 Chris was in private practice where he represented dozens of Indigenous organizations on a range of matters including treaty negotiations, governance, lands and economic development, aboriginal rights and title, consultation & accommodation, and specific claims.

Experience

- Led federal teams in high profile negotiations under the BC Treaty process and other processes.
- Negotiated and drafted agreements and advised on multiple Indigenous issues for BC Hydro.

- Represented a Vancouver Island First Nation in establishing a limited partnership and acquiring a major forestry tenure and related assets.
- Represented a lower mainland First Nation in negotiating impact benefit agreements and associated commercial ventures for multiple major infrastructure projects.
- Represented more than a dozen First Nations in establishing or updating bylaws, constitutions, and related governance matters
- Advised Indigenous Groups and provincial crown corporations on the acquisition and management of tenures on First Nation lands.

Insights Rollup

- Bill C-92: Recognizing Indigenous authority over child and family services
- Canadian government advances Indigenous rights bill

Beyond Our Walls

Community Involvement

- (Past) Volleyball and soccer coach for community, elementary, high school, club and university level teams
- (Past) Director, Volleyball BC

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2000
- Ontario, 1993
- MA, Simon Fraser University, 1996
- LLB, University of Western Ontario, 1991
- BA, University of Western Ontario, 1988

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