Forestry

Whether you're with a private or public forestry company or the provincial or federal government, it's key to have a skilled legal team who can provide trusted advice and representation on all forestry law issues.

Our multidisciplinary team has a comprehensive grasp of past and present provincial forestry practise and legislation. We have significant experience in:

- forestry projects
- corporate/commercial issues
- regulatory issues
- environmental matters
- Indigenous matters
- provincial regulation governing forestry activities
- regulatory compliance advice
- mergers, acquisitions and corporate reorganizations

We have almost 20 years of experience with the softwood lumber dispute in various capacities and have acted in a number of roles for industry organizations. We provide substantive advice to government organizations on international legal obligations to proposed forest policy changes.

Experience

- **Mergers & Acquisitions**
  - $38.6 million acquisition of the Fort St. James Sawmill from Conifex Inc.
  - Acquisition of the assets of Coe Newnes/McGehee Inc.
  - $38 million acquisition of the Meadow Lake pulp mill.
  - $1.1 billion sale of coastal timber assets to Brascan.
  - $39 million acquisition of the Fort St. James sawmill from Canfor.
  - US$457.5 million acquisition of three oriented strand board facilities and related assets in Minnesota from Potlatch Corporation.
  - $56 million acquisition of an oriented strand board facility and related assets in Slave Lake, Alberta from Weyerhaeuser.
  - $40/share take-over of Riverside Forest Products Ltd.
  - Acquisition of a bleached chemo thermo mechanical pulp mill from Louisiana-Pacific in Chetwynd, British Columbia.
  - $163 million acquisition of Norske Skog Canada MacKenzie Pulp Limited.
  - Acquisition of Primex Forest Products Ltd.

- Acquisition of the High Level Lumber Division of Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd. in Alberta.
- Acquisition of Crestbrook Industries Limited by court approved plan of arrangement.
- $80 million acquisition of a 50.1 per cent interest in Findlay Forest Industries Inc.
- Acquisition of MB Paper Limited.
- $109 million acquisition of Repap Manitoba Inc.
- $140 million acquisition of the coastal solid wood division of Weldwood of Canada Limited.

- **Other**
  - Regulatory issues in connection with the liquidation of a forest products company.
  - Regulatory issues in connection with the acquisition of Donohue Inc.
  - Counsel to the Government of British Columbia on issues relating to Skeena Cellulose.
- **Corporate/Commercial**
  - Joint ownership structures for production facilities.
  - Logging contracts in the coastal and interior regions of British Columbia.
  - Road-use agreements, market logging agreements, chip, pulp log and other forms of fibre supply agreements, saw log supply agreements, pulp sales agreements and tenure management agreements.
  - Counsel to lenders and forest products companies on credit facilities.
  - Research development agreements.
- **Environmental Matters**
  - Obtaining injunctions against environmental protesters, which includes acting for forest products companies.
  - Defending charges under the *Fisheries Act* and provincial environmental protection legislation.
  - Defending administrative contraventions under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and its predecessor.
- **Aboriginal Matters**
  - Counsel to the Government of British Columbia in the Xeni Gwet'in case.
  - Matters relating to Aboriginal rights, Aboriginal title and traditional territories and other legal issues, negotiations and developments involving First Nations.
  - Matters relating to advising archaeological and *Heritage Conservation Act* issues that affect logging operations.

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