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Miles has maintained a broad practice advising energy sector and sector-adjacent participants and project proponents for more than twenty-five years. He advises frequently on mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, and project structure and development.

He has led significant transactions in the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors, and has advised on virtually all aspects of the Liquefied Natural Gas value chain. He has also played a lead role in significant debt financing and restructuring transactions both within Canada and internationally.

Miles writes frequently about oil and gas law, and teaches the Oil and Gas Law and Oil and Gas Contracts courses at the University of Calgary Law School. He led the drafting committee for the Pre-Unitization Agreement for the Association of International Energy Negotiators, and was recently selected as a Global Elite Thought Leader in Energy (Oil and Gas) by *Who's Who Legal*.

Miles is the leader of BLG's Asia Pacific initiative. He is also member of the firm's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) leadership team.

Experience

- Miles has been lead Canadian counsel to John Wood Group plc for over a decade. Recent transactions include:

    - The US$1.8 billion sale of its environment and infrastructure consulting business to Canadian engineering firm WSP Global.
    - The US$67 million sale of its joint venture interest in TransCanada Turbines to joint venture partner TC Energy.
    - The sale of its interests in Teshmont Consulting to Stantec Consulting Ltd.
- Lead counsel to Parkland Corporation and its Caribbean subsidiary, Sol Petroleum, in numerous downstream transactions, including its recently announced major divestiture program.
- Lead Canadian counsel to Anvil Channel Energy Solutions, in its debt and royalty transactions with ROK Resources Inc. and Certus Oil & Gas Ltd.
- Lead Canadian counsel to Arc Rock Holdings in its debt transactions with Persist Oil & Gas Ltd. and Acceleration Holdings Ltd.
- Counsel to Novus Earth Energy Operations Inc., a geothermal project developer with an active project in Hinton, Alberta.
- Counsel to upstream junior producer Entrada Resources Inc. in ongoing matters, including its its acquisition of assets from Bonavista Petroleum Corporation.
- Counsel to upstream junior producer Revitalize Energy Inc., in its transactions acquiring the assets of Petrocapita Oil & Gas Ltd. out of receivership.
- Counsel to Canada Fortescue Future Industries Ltd. in its negotiations with several separate First Nations for the development of green hydrogen facilities on First Nations land.
- Lead counsel to ALS Global, through its Canadian subsidiary, in the acquisition of the consulting and geotechnical division of EarthLabs Inc.
- Lead counsel to Koch Industries Inc. in the sale of its Canadian upstream assets to Cavalier Energy Inc.
- Part of the team advising the Government of Canada in its acquisition of the Trans Mountain Pipeline and Expansion from Kinder Morgan.
- Lead counsel to Nexen Inc. / CNOOC on its now-shelved Aurora LNG project.
- Lead counsel to Chinese gas utility ENN, in its participation and subsequent exit from the Douglas Channel LNG project, ultimately acquired by Altagas.

Insights & Events

- The future of Canadian energy: A review of 2024's top energy issues and what to expect in 2025, BLG Perspective, March 2025
- Author, "The global energy transition: Key takeaways from the World Petroleum Congress", BLG Article, September 2023
- Author, "Top Energy Issues in Canada with implications for 2023 and beyond", BLG Article, January 2023
- Author, "Top energy issues of 2021, with implications for 2022 and beyond", BLG Article, March 2022
- Author, "Court rules party cannot rely on exculpatory clause to avoid liability for deceit", BLG Article, May 2021
- Author, "Canadian energy oil and gas: Top 20 of 2020 - Transactions and trends", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Alberta Court of Appeal vindicates trustee in the latest Perpetual Energy decision", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "ESG: It's here to stay", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Alberta government shares natural gas vision and strategy", BLG Article, October 2020
- Author, "COVID-19: issues for the Canadian oil & gas industry", BLG Article, March 2020
- Author, "Shaping the future of Canada’s energy providers", BLG Article, February 2020

- Author, "Canadian Energy Oil and Gas: Top Transactions and Trends in 2019", BLG Article, February 2020
- Oil & Gas: Present Questions, Future Directions , BLG Perspective, December 2019
- Author, "Post-Election 2019: Impacts on Canada's Energy Industry ", BLG Article, October 2019
- Author, "Alberta Court of Appeal sets the guideline for Extending Limitation Period for Environmental Claims under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Receiver gets Rapped A Case Comment on Jaycap Financial Ltd v Snowdon Block", BLG Article, February 2019
- Author, "Redwater Decision", BLG Article, February 2019
- Author, "Oil and Gas: Top Trends and Transactions of 2018", BLG Article, January 2019
- Presenter, "Sober Second Thoughts: Litigating the Purchase and Sale Agreement in the Energy Industry," Canadian Energy Law Foundation Seminar, June 13, 2018
- Kinder Morgan could question commitment if Ottawa gives in to protesters: Lawyer, BLG Video, March 2018
- Author, "BLG Partner Miles Pittman Interviewed on Business News Network", BLG Article, February 2018
- Author, "2017 Year in Review: Top 10 Judicial Decisions and Trends of Importance to the Canadian Energy Industry", BLG Article, January 2018
- Author, "2017 Year in Review: Top 10 Legislative and Regulatory Changes of Significance to the Canadian Energy Industry", BLG Article, January 2018
- Author, "Canadian Companies and the Effects of Foreign Operations – Out of Sight, Front of Mind", BLG Article, March 2017
- Author, "THE RESOURCE: BLG Energy Law Blog – September Digest", BLG Article, October 2016

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Past Chair, Canadian Energy Law Foundation
- Miles led the Pre-Unitization Agreement Drafting Committee for the Association of International Energy Negotiators.
- Miles teaches the Oil and Gas Law and the Oil and Gas Contracts courses at the University of Calgary Law School
- Member, Canadian Bar Association (Past Chair, Natural Resource Subsection)

Community Involvement

- Board Member, Contemporary Calgary Arts Society
- Past Board Chair, Alliance Française of Calgary

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 and previous editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Energy Law & Oil and Gas Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2012) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Energy (Oil and Gas)) and in the 2012-2023-2026 editions (Corporate Commercial Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2020) of *IFLR1000* (Project Development: M&A)

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2015) in *Who's Who Legal – Energy*, including as a Global Elite Thought Leader in 2022, 2023 and 2024
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining*
- Recognized in the 2023 (and since 2016) edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers*
- Recognized as a 2022 Lexology Client Choice Award Winner in Alberta for Energy & Natural Resources

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 1994

- LLB, University of Alberta, 1993
- BA (Hons.), McGill University, 1988

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