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As both a lawyer and an engineer, Doug has significant expertise in large **infrastructure projects**, working on major projects across Canada, and around the world.

He practises in the areas of:

- **public-private partnerships**
- construction contracts (negotiation, drafting, and review)
- shipbuilding contracts
- power plant and industrial EPC contracts
- contracts to design or construct any asset

Doug is also a frequent author and speaker for various organizations and publications on these areas of law.

He is the national leader of our **Public-Private Projects** group.

Experience

- Eldorado Gold/Skouries: Counsel to Eldorado Gold for their large gold mining project in Greece with Fluor as the counter party (EPCM Contract).
- HD Mining: Various contracts acting for the owner for a BC Mining project.
- Ghana Mine: Hybrid EPC/EPCM contract for the owner of a mine in Ghana.
- Saskatchewan Mining and Minerals: Contracts for all new process equipment for mine owner.

- Blackwater Gold: Acted for Sedgman as the EPCM contractor for this project.
- BC Hydro/Site C: Counsel to BC Hydro on this significant hydroelectric project.
- BC Hydro/John Hart: Counsel for BC Hydro on this PPP hydroelectric project.
- REM: Acting for the builder on this significant transit project in Montréal.
- Ridley Terminals: Acting for RTI with respect to a number of commercial matters.
- Ontario Line: Acting for a bidding team member for this Ontario transit project.
- RER3: Acting for a bidding team member for this Ontario transit project.
- Edmonton Valley Line: Acted for the city on this transit project.
- Nanaimo Correctional Centre: Acted for the Province of B.C. on the design-build prison project.
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital: Acted for the Province of Nova Scotia on its hospital projects.
- Alberta Schools 5: Acting for a bidder on this schools project.
- Representative clients include Flatiron, Grosvenor, Parsons, Bilfinger, Acciona, Turner, Clark, Graham, Bird, EPCOR, and a number of government agencies.
- New Bridge over St. Lawrence Corridor (Champlain Bridge) ($2.4 billion) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Stanton Territorial Hospital Project ($300 million) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Okanagan Correctional Centre ($190 million) – Lead counsel for the Province of B.C. (closed).
- Surrey Pretrial Services Centre Expansion ($90 million) – Lead counsel for the Province of B.C. (closed).
- Evergreen Line – Co-lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Alberta Schools 3 – Co-lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Alberta Schools 2 ($250 million) – Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- RCMP – Lead counsel for member of design-build joint venture (closed).
- Fort St. John Hospital ($300 million) – Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Golden Ears Bridge Bridge and Highway ($1.1 billion) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Northwest Anthony Henday Bridge and Highway – ($1.4 billion) Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Alberta Schools ($500 million) – Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Surrey Outpatient Facility ($200 million) – Lead counsel for member of design-build joint venture (closed).
- Royal Jubilee Hospital Patient Care Centre ($350 million) – Lead counsel for lead member of design-build joint venture (closed).
- Water/Wastewater Treatment plants – Lead counsel for the concessionaire in respect of water treatment projects for Port Hardy, Lytton, and Sooke (closed).
- Sea-to-Sky Highway Bridge and Highway ($600 million) – BLG acted for UK and French lenders to the concessionaire. Primary responsibility for design-build and operations contracts (closed).
- E18 Grimstad – Kristiansand (Norway) Bridge and Highway ($500 million) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Kicking Horse Canyon Bridge and Highway ($130 million) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Calgary Ring Road Bridge and Highway ($650 million) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Britannia Water Treatment plant ($27 million) – Lead counsel for the concessionaire (closed).
- BART Extension (San Francisco) – Lead counsel for US design-build joint venture, part of preferred proponent (process terminated).
- Port Mann Bridge and Highway ($2.46 billion) – Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- ACCW Prison – Lead counsel for government owner (closed).
- HWY 97 and Campbell Road Interchange – Lead counsel for First Nation (closed).
- “The Rise,” a mixed-use commercial/residential building – Lead counsel for private owner (closed).

Insights & Events

- Author, "Opportunity blooms in wild rose country: Federal government plants Major Projects Office in Calgary", BLG Article, September 2025
- Author, "Construction Tariff Resource", BLG Article, April 2025
- Author, "May you live in interesting times: Canadian procurement and potential bans on American companies", BLG Article, February 2025
- Thought Starters, BLG Perspective, September 2023
- Author, "CCDC 2: Updates to the stipulated price contract", BLG Article, December 2020
- Speaker, "Conscious Re-Coupling: P3s in Alberta," *CBA-AB Construction Law Section- South Webinar*, October 2020
- Author, "Constructing in a COVID-19 world: looking forward", BLG Article, May 2020
- Author, "Contractual risks amid the COVID-19 outbreak", BLG Article, March 2020
- Avoiding Common Errors in Construction Contracts
- Speaker, "Project Delivery Models," PBLI, September, 2016.
- Speaker, "Construction Claims: Preventing and Addressing Construction Claims at all Stages," Affinity Institute, February, 2016.
- Managing Risks in Construction Contracts

Beyond Our Walls

Community Involvement

- Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- Fellow, Engineers Canada (nominated by both BC and Saskatchewan)
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Member, Law Society of Yukon (non-practising)
- Member, Association of Professional Engineers of BC and Saskatchewan
- Member, Construction Specifications Canada

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2010) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Construction Law, Project Finance Law, Public Procurement Law), recognized as "Vancouver Project Finance Law Lawyer of the Year" in 2019 and 2018, and named 'Lawyer of the Year' in 2026 (Public Procurement Law).
- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2016) of *Chambers Canada* (Projects: PPP & Infrastructure (Nationwide - Canada)).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2013) of *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Projects: PPP & Infrastructure).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *The Legal 500* (Infrastructure Projects).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Mining.*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2023) of *Lexology Index* (formerly *Who's Who Legal: Canada)* (Government Contracts & Construction).

- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Lexology Index: Projects & Procurement* (formerly *Who's Who Legal: Canada)*.
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining.*
- Recognized in the 2026 (and since 2013) edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Construction Law; Infrastructure Law). Also recognized in 2019 for Energy (Electricity).
- Recognized as a leading infrastructure lawyer in the 2026 edition (and since 2014) of the *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure.*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2020) of *IFLR1000* (Project Development; Project Finance)
- Recognized in the 2026 and 2023 editions (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of the *Doyles Guide - Leading Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure Lawyers* – British Columbia
- Recognized by the 2016 Client Choice Awards as the exclusive winner in the Projects & Procurement category in British Columbia.
- Recognized as a 2018 BTI Client Service All-Star.
- Recognized as a 2017 Acritas Star.
- Recognized by the 2016 Client Choice Awards as the exclusive winner in the Projects & Procurement category in British Columbia.

Bar Admission & Education

- Yukon Territory, 2015
- British Columbia, 1999
- Saskatchewan, 1990
- Ontario, 2023

- LLB, University of Saskatchewan, 1989

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