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Colin's practice focuses on syndicated and single-lender domestic and cross-border secured lending and project finance transactions in various industries including, oil and gas, renewable energy, casinos and gaming, hospitality, agriculture, oilfield services, clean technology and Aboriginal lending.

Prior to joining BLG, Colin was a partner and the department head of the Banking and Financial Services group at another international law firm. Colin also served as in-house legal counsel at The Toronto-Dominion Bank providing legal support to the TD Commercial Banking, Commercial National Accounts and Agricultural lending groups for the Prairie Provinces.

Experience

- Sterling Capital Brokers Ltd. acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of Riverview Insurance Solutions Inc.
- Bank of Montreal: Advising the administrative agent and the lenders in connection with the CA$215 million project financing for the development, construction, ownership and operation of the 58.32 MW Bow Lake wind power project.
- National Bank of Canada: Advising the bank as administrative agent, lead arranger and lender on a CA$31 million project financing used for the development, construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of the 15 megawatt Brooks Solar Power Plant located near Brooks, Alberta.

- National Bank of Canada: Acting as counsel to the lender in connection with a CA$77 million project financing of BluEarth Renewables Inc.'s 15 megawatt Culliton Creek Hydro Project, a run-of-river hydro plant located near Squamish, BC.
- Grain terminal operator: Advising the administrative agent and the syndicate of lenders for CA$35 million aggregate secured credit facilities for construction expansion and operation of their ethanol fuel facility, expansion of rail lines and for other working capital purposes.
- Regulus Resources Inc.: Advising in respect to the arrangement with Sibanye Gold Ltd. to spin-out Regulus' Argentine assets to a newly created company, Aldebaran Resources Ltd., and acquire the Altar Copper gold project from Sibanye, including a US$30 million private placement financing into Aldebaran by Route One Investment Company L.P.
- Confidential client: Acting as counsel to the administrative agent and the syndicate of lenders with respect to a CA$122 million secured credit facility for the financing of the River Cree Resort and Casino, a casino, hotel and sports complex located in Edmonton, Alberta and subsequent refinancing that included CA$45 million senior debt term facility and CA$200 million high-yield cross-border bonds; this deal marks the first time a Canadian First Nation-owned company issued cross-border bonds.
- Royal Bank of Canada: Acting as agent to the lenders, in connection with the CA$420 million refinancing for St. Clair Energy Centre, a 584 MW combined cycle, natural gas-fired energy generation facility in Ontario, Canada. The refinancing included long-term interest rate swap contracts with RBC, Union Bank, Natixis, Bayern LB, and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation as the swap providers.
- JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.: Advising as agent to the lenders in the US$300 million syndicated refinancing for Entertainment One Ltd. (eOne). The 5-year senior revolving term loan allowed eOne to acquire Alliance Films Inc., a leading independent distributor of filmed entertainment products in Canada, the United Kingdom and Spain, from affiliates of Goldman Sachs Capital Partners and Investissement Québec.
- JPMorgan Chase: Advising as administrative agent on a CA$800 million five-year revolving credit facility for Lionsgate Entertainment Corporation. This is one of the largest revolving credit facilities raised by an entertainment company in more than a decade. The new facility replaces Lionsgate's previous CA$340 million revolving credit facility.
- Royal Bank of Canada: Advising the bank and a syndicate of other lenders with respect to the CA$252 million project financing by Le Plateau Wind Power LP for the development, construction, ownership and operation of a 138.6 MW wind power facility in the MRC d'Avignon, Québec.
- Bank of Montreal: Advising the administration agent and lenders in respect of an ABL syndicated financing providing for a CAD $35 million operating facility and a US $5 million standby letter of credit facility in favour of Source Energy Services Canada LP as borrower. The financing closed concurrently with a CAD $130 million sponsor led private placement of senior secured first lien notes, offered in Canada and the United States. (reported in the January 2017 issue of Lexpert - Big Deals)
- Bank of Montreal: Advising the administration agent and lenders in respect of a syndicated financing for Onstream Pipeline Inspection Services Inc. (Onstream), an acquisition entity formed by the sponsor, Novacap TMT, to facilitate the purchase by Onstream of all the assets of Onstream Pipeline Inspection Ltd. in the US and Canada (reported in the May 2016 issue of Lexpert - Big Deals)

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Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2021) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Banking and Finance Law)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2017) of *IFLR1000* as a leading lawyer (Project Finance).

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2003

- LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, 2002
- BA, University of Alberta, 1999

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