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Matt represents private and public clients in administrative, real estate, intellectual property, municipal, and procurement disputes. His commercial litigation practice covers estate litigation and corporate governance matters.

Matt also represents oil and gas, renewable generation, and electrical transmission clients before tribunals and the courts in relation to project approval and land access.

Matt has represented clients at all levels of court in Alberta as well as the Federal Court and arbitration panels. He acts before various tribunals including the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Land and Property Rights Tribunal, the Alberta Energy Regulator and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Before joining BLG in 2018, Matt completed a clerkship with the Alberta Court of King's Bench and articled at a boutique Indigenous and energy law firm.

Experience

- **Select Reported Litigation Decisions**
  - *Daniels Sharpsmart Canada Ltd. o/a Daniels Health v Alberta Health Services*, 2024 ABKB 282: dismissal of an injunction to prevent negotiation with selected request for proposals proponent.
  - *Orica Canada Inc v ARVOS GmbH,* 2024 ABKB 97: dismissal of an application to stay action in favour of arbitration.

- *TransAlta Corporation v Alberta Energy Regulator*, 2023 ABCA 172: dismissal of an application for leave to appeal stay and standing decisions of the Alberta Energy Regulator.
- *Northern Air Charters (PR) Inc v Alberta Health Services*, 2023 ABCA 114: dismissal of an appeal seeking to introduce expert evidence on procurement practices into a judicial review.
- *Pelletier v Canada (Attorney General)*, 2022 FC 1002: success in judicial review overturning tribunal decision denying pension benefits to veteran.
- *Karnalyte Resources Inc v Phinney*, 2020 ABQB 119: dismissal of an Action alleging improper proxy solicitation. Subsequently obtained an award of solicitor-client costs in *Karnalyte Resources Inc v Phinney*, 2021 ABQB 26.
- *Questor Technology Inc v Stagg*, 2020 ABQB 3; *Questor Technology Inc v Stagg*, 2021 ABQB 644: dismissal of injunctions against former employees seeking to prohibit them from competing with the plaintiff and to pay revenue into trust pending trial.
- *Xpress Lube & Car Wash Ltd v Gill*, 2019 ABQB 898: dismissal of an Action for long delay with an award of enhanced costs.

- **Select Reported Regulatory Decisions**
  - *Re Saamis Solar Park Limited,* Alberta Utilities Commission Decision 27788-D01-2024: obtained approval to construct and operate a 325 MW solar power plant and substation.
  - *JC Williams Inc. v Alberta Health Services,* Bid Protest 2024-BP001: dismissal of a bid protest under the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) and Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).
  - *Re Bonterra Energy Corporation*, (March 21, 2022), Regulatory Appeal No. 1935997; (September 23, 2022), Regulatory Appeal No. 1935997: dismissal of an application to the Alberta Energy Regulator to stay well licences, followed by successful dismissal of regulatory appeal.
  - *ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd v RJR Enterprises Ltd*, 2022 ABLPRT 1315: obtained $942,000.00 compensation on behalf of a landowner following a regulatory taking.
  - *Bonterra Energy Corp v Rosells' Enterprises Ltd*, 2022 ABLPRT 1243: representative of numerous similar files, favourable defence of operator's rate of compensation to landowner for new or ongoing oil and gas operations.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Freedom Convoy: Disruptive, but not a public order emergency", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "Alberta overhauls its public sector access and privacy regime", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "SCC clarifies how the honour of the Crown affects (re)negotiation of "reconciliation-based" agreements with Indigenous groups", BLG Article, January 2025
- Author, "The AERs broad duty of disclosure in licence appeals Judd v Alberta Energy Regulator", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Change and consistency: The AUC in the six months since the Alberta renewables inquiry and related pause", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "Extending limitation periods for environmental damages: Paramount Resources Ltd v Grey Owl Engineering Ltd.", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Cabinet confidentiality over discovery in litigation: The Court of Appeal reaffirms public interest immunity", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Public interest immunity does not shield briefing on energy policy", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Alberta Court confirms that legislative bodies can shield administrative decisions", BLG Article, February 2024

- “Moving Forward by Looking Back: Toward a Renewable Conservation Scheme in Alberta,” 2021 59-2 Alberta Law Review 267
- Author, "COVID-19: Shareholder and corporate disputes", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "The Alberta Energy Regulator Grants Standing to Environmental Group for Oil Well License Hearing", BLG Article, December 2018
- Author, "Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench has interpreted Prior Net Cumulative Balance provisions of the Oil Sands Royalty Regulation in Fort Hills Energy Corporation v Alberta (Minister of Energy), 2018 ABQB 905", BLG Article, November 2018

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Calgary Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Secretary and director, Disabled Sailing Association of Alberta, 2018-2022
- Treasurer, Alberta Law Review, 2016-2017

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2024) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® *as* “Ones to Watch” (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)

Bar Admission & Education

- Northwest Territories, 2024
- Alberta, 2018

- JD (with Distinction), University of Alberta, 2017
- BA, (history, with Distinction), University of Victoria, 2013

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