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Joelle represents clients in insurance defence, commercial litigation and energy, environmental and regulatory matters. She advises insurers, corporations and energy sector clients on complex disputes and regulatory compliance issues.

Joelle has experience in insurance defence litigation, commercial disputes and regulatory matters affecting the energy and natural resources sectors. She regularly appears before Alberta courts and administrative tribunals. Her practice also includes environmental compliance and regulatory advice, as well as advice and defence on environment impairment liability for clients in the energy industry.

Prior to joining BLG, Joelle practised at a leading Alberta law firm. She holds a Master of Public Policy with a specialization in natural resources, energy and environmental policy from the University of Calgary, which complements her legal practice in the energy and environmental sectors.

Experience

- **Disputes**
  - A major Canadian insurer in defence of complex property damage claims;
  - Multiple insurers in coverage disputes involving policy interpretation;
  - Insurance companies in subrogation matters;
  - Commercial entities in breach of contract disputes;
  - Corporate clients in shareholder disputes; and

- Companies in employment-related litigation.
- **Energy – Oil and Gas**
  - Energy sector clients in regulatory compliance matters; and
  - Energy companies in regulatory hearings before Alberta administrative tribunals.
- **Environmental**
  - Oil and gas companies in environmental compliance proceedings; and
  - Energy companies in environmental regulatory matters.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Insurance Defence Section (South) Executive, 2023 to present
- Member, Calgary Bar Association, 2023 to present
- Member, Advocates' Society, 2023 to present
- Member, Association of Women Lawyers, 2023 to present
- Member, Alberta Expropriation Society, 2023 to present

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2023

- M.P.P., University of Calgary, 2022
- J.D., University of Saskatchewan, 2021
- B.A. (Hons.) (Political Science), St. Francis Xavier University, 2017

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