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Energy – Power Regulatory
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An experienced energy, climate and regulatory lawyer, DT advises clients on energy regulation, climate policy, environmental law, emissions trading, Indigenous rights and ESG governance. He acts for utilities, financial institutions, governments, First Nations, Indigenous organizations, project developers and corporate clients.

His regulatory practice includes representing clients before the Ontario Energy Board in proceedings involving electricity, natural gas, distributed energy resources, renewable natural gas, hydrogen, energy storage, carbon markets and clean fuel regulations.

Before joining BLG, DT advised clients on regulatory, policy and compliance matters across the energy and climate sectors at a leading Toronto-based climate, energy, and Indigenous rights boutique law firm.

DT was also an independent legal expert and legal intern with the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, conducting research on LGBTQ+ rights and human rights violations by extractive industries across Africa, Europe, and the Americas.

In his final year of law school, he worked at the Stellenbosch University Law Clinic, providing legal aid to individuals and communities in South Africa's Cape Winelands.

Experience

- **Energy Regulation and Utility Proceedings**

    - Electric vehicle and distributed energy resources advocacy intervenors in Ontario Energy Board proceedings and consultations involving cost of capital, rate design, distributed energy resources, non-wires alternatives, renewable natural gas, hydrogen, energy storage, electric vehicles and Indigenous consultation.
    - First Nations and Indigenous organizations in Ontario Energy Board proceedings, consultation matters, energy infrastructure development and utility regulation.
- **Carbon Markets**
    - Canadian and international clients on North American federal, provincial, and state greenhouse gas and environmental regulatory frameworks, including emissions trading systems, carbon pricing mechanisms and clean fuel regulations.
    - Canadian and international project developers, corporations and financial institutions in voluntary and compliance carbon market transactions involving carbon removals, offset credits and under the Paris Agreement.
- **Indigenous Rights and Consultation**
    - First Nations and Indigenous organizations in matters involving energy infrastructure, environmental assessments, regulatory approvals and resource development.
- **Regulatory Litigation and Public Policy**
    - Governments, ministries and industry clients on climate policy development, industrial decarbonization strategies, legislative drafting and regulatory reform initiatives.
- **Corporate Governance and Sustainability**
    - Co-author of a legal opinion on nature-related risks and duties of directors of Canadian corporations.
    - Major financial institutions and corporate clients on environmental claims and greenwashing risks under the Competition Act.
    - Boards and management on climate- and nature-related governance, sustainability disclosure obligations, ESG risk management and net-zero strategies.
    - Co-author of a report on using voluntary industry standards to manage legal liability in the face of climate hazards.

Insights & Events

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member-at-Large, Ontario Bar Association – Natural Resources and Energy Law Section, 2022-2023
- Member-at-Large, Ontario Bar Association – Sexual & Gender Diversity Alliance, 2020-2026

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2020

- LLD, Public International Law, Stellenbosch University, 2017
- LLB, Stellenbosch University, 2013
- BA, International Studies, University of Denver, 2010

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