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A member of BLG's Specialized Business Law Group, Claire specializes in environmental, energy, natural resources, and project development matters. She assists a diverse range of clients with the commercial and environmental aspects of their projects, ensuring regulatory compliance and helping secure necessary authorizations. Her practice includes advising on Indigenous law matters, including duty to consult and related consultation and public-engagement processes for mining, energy and industrial projects, including linear infrastructure and production facilities.

Claire also advises developers, purchasers, lenders and investors on real estate, commercial and financial transactions, guiding them through strategic environmental, mining, industrial and wildlife issues, including on Indigenous lands. Her expertise is part of the growing development of environmental services offered by BLG, as requests for assistance remain on the rise.

Claire's areas of expertise include:

- Reconciling engineering and legal aspects in technical matters
- Applying regulatory standards and preparing for investigations and inspections
- Challenging environmental penalties
- Negotiating project conditions with public authorities

Prior to joining the firm, Claire worked as an associate at a public utility corporation specializing in electricity production and transmission.

Experience

- Element Materials Technology, a global testing, inspection and certification services company, in the US$400 million carve-out and sale of its North American Life Sciences Testing Services business to Eurofins Scientific SE.
- Advised and represented Township MacNider Wind Farm in submissions and public hearing for agricultural land reserve issues and approvals at the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec, securing authorization for alienation of superficiary rights, maple grove clearing and non-agricultural use.
- Advised industrial heater manufacturer Wattco Inc. and its shareholders on its sale to an affiliate of U.K. engineering company Smiths Group plc.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Québec's 2026–2050 integrated energy resource plan: Capital build-out, timelines, and market opportunities", BLG Article, July 2026
- Author, "Ontario approves construction of first-of-its-kind small modular reactor", BLG Article, June 2025
- Author, "Canada's mandatory Federal Plastics Registry reporting: What you need to know", BLG Article, April 2025
- Author, "Canada concludes PFAS "forever chemicals" are toxic: What you need to know", BLG Article, March 2025
- Author, "Bill 69: A new era for the Québec energy sector", BLG Article, September 2024
- Speaker, Revue annuelle de la jurisprudence en droit de l'environnement (Annual review of environmental case law), Canadian Bar Association, May 2024
- Author, "Proposed Amendments to the Impact Assessment Act in the Budget Implementation Act 2024", BLG Article, May 2024

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2025
- Québec, 2016

- JD, Université de Montréal, 2019
- LL.B., Université Laval, 2014
- BA, McGill University, 2010

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