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Nigah specializes in maritime and transportation law, marine and non-marine insurance regulation, and compliance and commercial litigation.

Nigah's practice encompasses:

- Cargo claims
- Collisions
- Spills
- Shipbuilding and charter party contracts
- Arrest of ships and cargos
- Aviation financing
- Insurance claims and coverage
- Importation and registration of vessels, aircrafts and automobiles
- Compliance and regulatory issues in transportation
- Innovation technologies in the transportation industry
- Regulatory and compliance issues in transportation, including aviation, trucking, automobiles and vessels
- Trademark infringement
- Master instalment and leasing agreements
- Contracts of carriage or freight forwarding
- Dealership and Warehousing contracts
- Disputes between landlord and tenants in commercial leases

Nigah has worked with the McGill Innovation Office on McGill IP issues and registration. She also worked in Disability Rights International to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities in Mexico and Guatemala.

Nigah is a member of the firm's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiative.

Nigah speaks English, French, Persian, Pashto, Hindi and Spanish.

Experience

- Leidos Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: LDOS), a Fortune 500 science and technology leader, in its US\$380 acquisition of Gibbs & Cox., the largest independent and privately-owned naval architecture and marine engineering firm in the United States and in Canada.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Foreign owners be aware of ITF "inspections"", BLG Article, December 2023
- Author, "Labour strike on Canada's West Coast: The impact on marine industry stakeholders", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "Canada proposes to amend the Canada Transportation Act and the Canada Marine Act to improve transparency and accountability", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "Transport Canada boost: \$165.4 million allocated in the Federal Budget", BLG Article, April 2023
- Author, "On-board audio recordings: Supreme Court of Canada rules they may be disclosed in a lawsuit", BLG Article, December 2022
- Business insurance trends, Part 3: Cyber insurance, smart equipment, shipping and a plug for insurance reviews, BLG Perspective, December 2021
- 5 more insurance industry trends: Product recall, municipal, cargo and business interruption insurance, BLG Perspective, November 2021
- Business insurance trends: Climate change litigation, D&O risk, force majeure and transport insurance, BLG Perspective, October 2021
- 32nd Annual Maritime Law Seminar Webinar, BLG Video, December 2020
- Author, "COVID-19 class actions forecast", BLG Article, April 2020
- Author, "Canadian ports remain open amidst COVID-19 pandemic", BLG Article, March 2020
- Author, "Out-of-province bank accounts are no longer immune from scrutiny by Quebec tax authorities, says the Supreme Court of Canada ", BLG Article, July 2019
- Co-Author, "Aircraft repossession and enforcement of security in Canada", Lexology, May, 2019
- Co-Author, "Aviation Finance & Leasing in Canada", Lexology, May, 2019
- Co-Author, "Insurance considerations for aircraft financing and leasing in Canada", Lexology, May, 2019
- Lecturer, "Rights of a Child with disabilities to not be institutionalized", International Public Health Conference, Istanbul, March, 2017

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Transportation Lawyers Association

- Executive Committee, Youth of Shipping
- Member, International Aviation Womens Association - active member of Americas Finance & Insurance Committee
- Member, Women's International Shipping & Trading Association

Community Involvement

- Executive Director, Afghan Youth Association of Montreal

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Legal 500 Canada* (Transport: aviation).

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2020
- BCL/LLB, McGill University, 2019
- BSc, McGill University, 2015

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