

International

SUMMARY

BLG's International Group provides a comprehensive range of strategic services on all aspects of international activities. From planning and feasibility studies to long-term financing, we have experience representing clients in many different global locations, including South East Asia, The Far East, Europe, The Middle East, Latin America and The Caribbean.

Our team consists of lawyers with extensive experience representing and advising clients in various international matters. Our professionals support this practice with a diverse cultural background which enables us to work efficiently in multiple countries and offer our services in approximately 30 languages. Additionally, BLG has long-standing relationships with law firms that are leaders in their jurisdictions, which enables us to jointly provide a seamless client-centric approach.

By combining the experience of litigation and regulatory lawyers with the knowledge of project finance and international commercial lawyers, BLG maintains an industry focus that is closely aligned to our clients' best interests. Our dedication to globally attuned service has positioned BLG as a leader in handling international legal matters.

PUBLICATIONS

- [*Doing Business in Canada*](#)
- [*India Focus Group Newsletter – Fall 2012*](#)
- ["The Sensor: The Legal Crystal Ball: Autonomous Vehicles Developments to Watch for In 2019,"](#) January 2019.
- ["Potential Revival of Controversial U.S. Cuban Claims Law Creates Risks for Canadian Companies,"](#) January 2019.
- ["M&A Trends to Watch For in 2019,"](#) January 2019.
- ["USMCA: Customs Administration in the 21st Century,"](#) December 2018.
- ["Business and Human Rights: The Stakes Continue to Grow,"](#) December 2018.
- ["The Sensor: Insuring Automated Vehicles: The Insurance Bureau of Canada Recommends "Single Insurance Policy","](#) November 2018.
- ["Doing Business in Canada 2019,"](#) November 2018.
- ["U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement: Business Insights on Intellectual Property Issues.,"](#) October 2018.
- ["U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement: Preliminary Insights for Business,"](#) October 2018.
- ["Deferred Prosecution Agreements are Coming to Canada,"](#) September 2018.
- ["Tariffs, Taxes and Trade,"](#) September 2018.
- ["Canada Announces Consultation on Provisional Steel Safeguards,"](#) August 2018.
- ["They're Back...Renewed U.S. Sanctions Imperil Canadian Business with Iran,"](#) August 2018.
- ["Leading International Trade Team Joins BLG,"](#) May 2018.
- ["Tempe Incident Prompts an Autonomous Vehicles Regulatory Review,"](#) March 2018.

- "[Steeling for a Fight — U.S. President Trump Announces Tariffs on Imported Steel and Aluminum](#)," March 2018.
- "[Recent Employment Law Amendments in Ontario: What Do They Mean for Employers Going Forward?](#)," February 2018.
- "[A Tale of Two Cannabis Markets](#)," November 2017.
- "[BLG is Live on WeChat](#)," October 2017.
- "[Top 10 Legal Risks for Business in 2017](#)," January 2017.
- "[The Historic 2016 United States Elections: Canada and the United States — Forward Together](#)," November 2016.
- "[Brexit: What Does it Mean for Canada?](#)," June 2016.
- "[Fundamental Change to the Conduct of Investor-State Arbitrations in Final CETA Text](#)," February 2016.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Involved in the preparation of responses to project-specific requests for proposals and have acted as counsel to participants in build, operate, acquire and sell projects. In this process we have co-ordinated various participants in the private and public sectors including governmental agencies, land owners, developers, contractors, lenders and technical consultants.
- Acted for one of the members of a concessionaire joint venture in connection with a light rail transit project in Mumbai, India
- Appeared before and/or acted as arbitrators in such diverse tribunals as the *US-Iran Arbitration Tribunal* sitting at The Hague, arbitral panels established under NAFTA Chapters Eleven and Nineteen, and the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal* and *China International Economic and Trade Commission*.
- Acted as policy and legislative advisors assisting foreign governments in domestic implementations of their international trade obligations, and advisory participation in the recent *Review of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance*.
- Acted in more ICSID and UNCITRAL investor-state arbitrations than any other Canadian law firm. We have represented the Government of Mexico in all of its investor-state cases and have advised numerous other government and private sector clients in connection with this new and potent legal remedy.
- Acted as counsel in international transactions involving cellular telephone networks, fixed-line telephone networks, satellite, cable television and other related areas.
- Acted as counsel to a multi-national joint venture to procure, launch and operate commercial satellites.
- Acted as counsel to a major Canadian telecommunication company in connection with telecom bids in Latin America, including the negotiation and preparation of joint venture and shareholder agreements.
- Acted as counsel to the establishment of foreign shipping companies in Canada and of several consortia including the preparation of bid responses for the establishment of an airport link between a major US airport and one of the busiest urban centres in North America and to a world-leading transportation company in connection with the development and construction of a subway system in Europe.

- Acted as counsel to investment bankers arranging the financing and construction of a proposed waste management plant in Latin America.
- Assisted in the acquisition or purchase and sale, financing, securitization and building of corporate and project assets, including facilities, equipment, concession rights, semi-submersible and land-based oil rigs for use in Latin America, and the purchase and sale of various supply vessels, including vessels used for servicing oil drilling platforms in Scandinavia.

RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

- #1 for ranked lawyers selected by their peers, *The Best Lawyers in Canada*®, 2018.
- Lawyer David W. Scott, OC, QC, is a past President of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the first Canadian to hold the honour. BLG is home to 10 Fellows of the College, the highest of any Canadian law firm.
- Top Tier (Band 1) in International Trade/WTO and Transportation: Shipping, *Chambers Global — The World's Leading Lawyers for Business, 2017*.
- Top Tier in Charities/Not-for-Profit, Construction, Dispute Resolution: Alberta, Employment & Labour: Nationwide, Employment & Labour: Québec, Energy: Power, Health Law, International Trade/WTO, Investment Funds, Public Procurement, and Transportation: Shipping, *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business, 2018*;
- #1 for ranked lawyers in Construction Law and Investment Funds & Asset Management, *The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada, 2017*.
- #1 for ranked lawyers in Construction Law, Corporate & Commercial Litigation, Expropriation Law, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring, Maritime Law, Mutual Funds Law, Personal Injury Litigation, and Privacy and Data Security Law, *The Best Lawyers in Canada*®, 2018.