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Education / Bar Admissions

LLB, University of British Columbia, 2004

BA (Hons.) in English Language and Literature, Queen's University, 2000

British Columbia, 2005

Professional Involvement

Member, Law Society of British Columbia

Member, Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Sarah is a partner in our Corporate Commercial Group in our Vancouver office. Her practice focuses on public-private partnerships, project development, project finance, Indigenous law, lending and general corporate commercial law.

Sarah is known for her ability to skillfully handle difficult legal and commercial issues, negotiate complex financings, and find creative solutions that manage business risk. She has extensive experience with leading major public-private partnership and project finance transactions, including representing proponents and lenders with respect of all phases of public infrastructure and transportation projects. Sarah also advises lenders and resource companies on securing financing or refinancing for projects and facilities in the natural resources sector, and assists clients on a broad range of commercial, regulatory and financing matters.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Advises on major projects and project finance transactions.
- Acts as lead counsel for proponents and lenders regarding all phases of social infrastructure (hospitals, schools, social housing and more) and transportation projects.
- Advises resource developers, owners and proponents with respect to project development issues, including Aboriginal engagement and consultation.
- Advises resource developers and lenders regarding commercial, regulatory and financing matters.
- Advises lenders and borrowers regarding secured and unsecured credit facilities and project finance issues.
- Advises financial institutions and other businesses on commercial issues.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator, "Thought – Leaders Roundtable: Strategies for Healthcare Planning and Transformation", Canadian Healthcare Infrastructure West, The Canadian

Institute, February 2018.

- Moderator, “First Nations Development: Putting Structures in Place to Effectively Address the Infrastructure Deficit,” Canadian Infrastructure Finance Forum, July 2017.
- Speaker, “Financing Aboriginal Ownership of Industry Projects,” North of 60 Forum: Unlocking the True Economic Potential, June 2016.
- Co-Author, “Aboriginal Participation in Project Development: Emerging (and Lost) Opportunities,” BarTalk, April 2016.
- Speaker, “Due Diligence Considerations in Aboriginal Lending,” CBABC Banking Subsection Meeting, March 2016.
- Speaker, “Financing Energy and Infrastructure Projects,” 16th Western Canadian Aboriginal Land and Resource Management Forum, February 2016.
- Speaker, “Mini LLB for Aboriginal Leadership,” Federated Press, March 2015.
- Speaker, “Young Leaders in Infrastructure Hot Debates,” Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships, November 2013.
- Speaker, “Use of Debt Financing Mechanisms for Public Private Partnerships,” 5th Structuring and Negotiating Public Private Partnerships Conference, Federated Press, May 2013.

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