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Bar Admission

Québec 2014

British Columbia 2024

Law School

Université Laval

Practices

Mergers & Acquisitions

White Collar Defence and

Investigations

Transportation and Logistics

Industries

Automotive

Infrastructure

Brian Lipson is a partner and co-leader of the Transportation and Logistics group. His practice focuses on mergers & acquisitions, commercial agreements, regulatory compliance, and licensing, primarily in the areas of road and rail transportation, warehousing and supply chain. Brian has provided advice in respect of numerous Canadian and cross-border purchase and sale agreements, reorganizations, and investments, and provides licensing advice in respect of cross-border transportation in the rail and road modes. He offers contractual solutions and advice on liability and risk exposure to warehousemen and storers, to rail carriers and owners of rail rolling stock, to motor carriers and brokers of freight, to shippers and beneficial cargo owners in all modes, to governments and municipalities, and to providers of public transportation, including in the areas of autonomous vehicles and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (drones). Brian also has extensive experience with licensing and permitting requirements for commercial motor vehicles (NIR/CVOR/NSC/IRP/IFTA), and for motor vehicle dealers throughout Canada, including obtaining licences from the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC) and other similar regulators in the context of cross-border acquisitions and expansions.

Brian assists the firm's clients in preventing, handling and contesting moving and other violations under federal and provincial laws and regulations, regularly representing rail carriers in respect of administrative monetary penalties before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada, and representing motor carriers and their drivers before the courts. He appears before the Canadian Transportation Agency in connection with railway crossings and provides advice in respect of Final Offer Arbitration, accessibility to public transportation and various other disputes related to rail transportation. Brian also advises several companies with respect to their regulatory compliance and contractual matters including Day & Ross Inc., Canadian National Railway Company, TransX Ltd., Uber Canada Inc. and VersaCold Logistics Services.

Brian's recent experience includes advising:

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- Canadian National Railway Company in respect of freight agreements, regulatory compliance, access to information requests, and disputes before the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada, the Canadian Transportation Agency, and the Federal Courts of Canada.
- CSX Transportation Inc. in the sale to the Canadian National Railway Company of its Massena rail line and of terminal assets located in Quebec and New York.
- La Coop fédérée and its Olymel and Sollio Agriculture divisions in their agreement to acquire all of the assets of F. Ménard.
- Composites One, LLC in the acquisition of Canadian-Based Polynt Composites Distribution Business.
- Day & Ross Inc., Canadian National Railway Company, Plains Midstream Canada, TransX Ltd., Uber Canada Inc. and VersaCold Logistics Services in respect of regulatory compliance and contractual matters.
- Via Rail Canada Inc. in connection with matters before the Canadian Transportation Agency.

Brian obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree from Université Laval in 2013 and was called to the Quebec Bar in 2014. He also received, in 2001, a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Music Composition and Improvisation from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), and has been working as a composer and trumpet player since 1999. His original score for the play *The Bacchae* received the 2013 Montreal English Theatre Award for Outstanding Sound Design.

Brian is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the (Ontario) Criminal Lawyers Association, the Canadian Transport Lawyers Association, the (U.S.) Transportation Lawyers Association, the Association Québécoise des avocates et avocats de la défense (Quebec Defence Lawyers Association) and the Association des avocats de la défense de Québec (Quebec City Defence Lawyers Association). From 2014 to 2015, he served on the board of directors of the Jeune Barreau de Québec (Québec City Young Bar Association).

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Awards & Rankings

Chambers Canada

Leading Lawyer: Transportation: Rail & Road

The Legal 500 - Canada

Next Generation Lawyer: Transport - other transport

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Transportation (Road and Rail)

Recent Experience

- **Blue Wolf Capital Partners acquires LOGISTEC Corporation for C\$1.2B**
January 9, 2024
- **First Student Inc. acquires school bus operator Dufresne Group**
February 11, 2023
- **Methanex closes agreement with Mitsui O.S.K. Lines for the sale of an equity position in Waterfront Shipping, and establishing a strategic partnership**
February 1, 2022
- **Albioma acquires La Granaudière**
December 24, 2021

Recent Insights

- **Canadian Transportation Agency's 2021 Rail Interswitching Rates Changes and New 2022 Rail Interswitching Rates (Wonkish)**
December 31, 2022

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