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Bar Admission

Ontario 2008

Law School

University of Toronto

Practices

Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Appellate Litigation
Corporate Commercial Litigation
Professional Liability
Environmental, Regulatory & Aboriginal (ERA)
Projects

Industries

Energy & Resources
Power
Global Metals & Mining
Infrastructure & Projects

Bryn helps clients resolve complex commercial and Aboriginal law disputes and navigate the complex Aboriginal law and policy landscape in Canada.

Bryn is a partner specializing in corporate/commercial disputes and Aboriginal law. He is a member of our Litigation and Environmental, Regulatory & Aboriginal Law groups.

Commercial Disputes

Bryn has significant experience working on complex corporate /commercial litigation matters, including litigation relating to energy projects, breach of contract and negligent misrepresentation claims, shareholder disputes, securities class actions and hostile takeovers. Bryn has also represented physicians in professional negligence claims, proceedings before regulatory bodies and appeal tribunals. He has worked on numerous precedent-setting cases, including a recent dismissal of a proposed US\$20-billion securities class action, which received a "National Impact Case Award" from Benchmark Litigation Canada.

Bryn has appeared as counsel before all levels of court in Ontario, the Federal Court of Canada, the New Brunswick Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. He has also appeared before several administrative tribunals, including the Environmental Review Tribunal, the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board, and the Ontario Municipal Board.

Aboriginal Law

Bryn advises clients on Aboriginal law and policy issues across Canada and is recognized for his expertise in Aboriginal law in *The Chambers Canada Guide to Leading Canadian Lawyers*, *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, and *The Legal 500 – Canada*.

He works with clients to build positive relationships with Indigenous groups, with a specific focus on resource development, energy and infrastructure projects. He regularly advises clients on issues relating to Aboriginal rights and title, consultation and accommodation, environmental assessments and permitting, negotiating agreements with Indigenous groups, project finance issues, litigation risk and risk management strategies, and obtaining approvals with respect to the use of reserve land.

Bryn brings a unique perspective to the table for the clients he works with given his prior work on Indigenous issues in and for the federal government. As a Ministerial Special Representative for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, he led a national engagement with Indigenous groups, industry and other affected stakeholders on how the federal government can improve its approach to the duty to consult and authored a detailed report to the Minister titled *Building Relationships and Advancing Reconciliation Through Meaningful Consultation*. He also served as a former policy and legal advisor to a previous Minister

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of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. In this role, he briefed and advised the Minister on a broad range of issues, including treaty and specific claim negotiations, major Aboriginal and treaty rights litigation, and approvals with respect to the use of reserve land.

Transferring this knowledge to his legal practice, Bryn provides practical advice to his clients to help them achieve their objectives coupled with the ability to anticipate a range of issues that may arise. He also brings significant litigation experience to the table. He has acted as counsel in Aboriginal rights and duty to consult litigation, disputes relating to revenue-sharing arrangements, and for interveners in precedent-setting Aboriginal and constitutional law cases in the Supreme Court of Canada, including *Mikisew Cree First Nation v. Canada* and *Ktunaxa Nation v. British Columbia*, which was recognized by Lexpert as one of the Top 10 Business Decisions in 2018.

Bryn frequently speaks at conferences on Aboriginal law and policy issues. He is also an active member of the firm and involved in mentoring, student recruitment, and diversity and inclusion issues. He is the Ontario regional lead for McCarthy Tétrault's Pride Action Group and a member of McCarthy Tétrault's National Pro Bono Committee. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Legal Aid Ontario and was previously on the Board of Directors of Casey House, a specialty hospital providing care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto.

Bryn received his JD and Honours BA in Political Science and Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Toronto.

Awards & Rankings

Chambers Global

Leading Lawyer: Aboriginal Law - Canada

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Leading Lawyer: Aboriginal Law

The Legal 500 - Canada

Leading Lawyer: Indigenous law

Benchmark Litigation Canada

Future Star

Lexpert Special Edition: Energy

Leading Lawyer

Recent Experience

- First Nations achieve C\$8B class action settlement agreement with Canadian Government over drinking water advisories

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May 09, 2022

Events

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