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### Bar Admission

Ontario 2018

### Industries

Power  
Energy & Resources  
Clean Technology  
Infrastructure

### Practices

Capital Markets  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Projects  
Environmental, Regulatory & Aboriginal (ERA)  
Litigation and Dispute Resolution  
Construction

### Strategic Issues

ESG and Sustainability

**In a rapidly evolving business environment, Will provides practical, industry-focused advice tailored to the unique goals of his clients.**

Will Horne is an associate in our Business Law Group in Toronto. He maintains an industry-focused practice with particular emphasis on transactional and regulatory services in the energy and power industry. Will has experience advising on a broad range of corporate and commercial transactions including project development, mergers & acquisitions, project finance, capital markets and securities law, as well as government matters.

### Recent Experience

Will's experience includes acting for:

- the lead agents in connection with the launch and ongoing administration of a \$500 million at-the-market program of a Canadian independent power producer / renewable energy developer
- a Canadian lithium-ion battery recycler in connection with its de-SPAC transaction and public listing on the New York Stock Exchange
- the lead agents in relation to a \$2 billion bond financing of existing hydroelectric assets of a multinational renewable energy developer in Ontario and Quebec
- a Canadian solar developer in connection with its expansion into nature-based climate solutions, development of carbon offsets
- a Canadian provider of sustainable energy solutions in connection with the pilot development of a community-scale distributed geothermal energy system
- the lead agents in connection with a public offering \$900 million of common shares of a Canadian independent power producer / renewable energy developer
- the lead agents in relation to a \$1.2 billion bond financing for the construction of a 200MW onshore wind facility
- a Canadian forest products producer in connection with the disposition of assets regulated by the Ontario Energy Board and Independent Electricity System Operator
- a Canadian lithium-ion battery recycler in connection with the development of new facilities and its expansion in North American, European, and Asian markets
- a multinational food and beverage corporation in connection with the development and interconnection of a behind-the-meter battery storage system
- a multinational retailer in connection with the development of an ESG compliance tool

### Key Commitments

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Recognizing the increasing business risks and opportunities arising from Environmental, Social, and Governance (“ESG”) factors, Will is a dedicated member of the Firm’s [ESG Strategic Issues Group](#). In this role, he works to harmonize and integrate expertise from across the Firm to serve specific client needs. Will is focused on helping clients succeed in the context of changing economic and social circumstances, with particular emphasis on climate-related governance matters, corporate disclosures, and staying ahead of regulatory trends.

As a contributor to McCarthy Tétrault’s [Inclusion Now](#) initiative, Will is committed to advancing diversity and inclusion at the Firm and beyond. In particular, Will is focused on building partnerships with the LGBTQ2S community, and advocating for the benefits of diverse workplaces.

## Background

Prior to joining McCarthy Tétrault, Will served as a Policy and Parliamentary Affairs Advisor to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. In that role, Will advised federal Cabinet Ministers on numerous key files, including criminal justice system reform, legalization and regulation of cannabis, high profile extradition matters, and communications strategies related to major policy decisions.

Will graduated from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University in 2014, having completed a certificate in environmental law and a semester working at the Dalhousie Legal Aid Clinic.

In his spare time, Will stays involved with industry associations in the energy and power space, as well as environmental organizations. He is currently part of two working groups committed to the development and deployment of energy storage technologies. Will has also served on the boards of the Winter River Watershed Association and the Island Nature Trust.

Will was called to the PEI bar in 2015 and the Ontario bar in 2018.

## Recent Experience

- **Paper Excellence Group completes US\$2.7B acquisition of Resolute Forest Products Inc.**  
March 01, 2023
- **Great Lakes Power Holdings LP, Canada Atlantis Hydro Holding LP and Algoma Hydro Holding LP complete C\$346M private placement issuance of Series A Senior Secured Bonds and sale of C\$440 million of Series B Bonds on a delayed draw basis**  
December 19, 2022
- **Northland Power renews ATM program to further support funding of identified growth initiatives**  
September 07, 2022
- **Windrise Wind completes C\$173 million green bond offering**  
December 02, 2021

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## Recent Insights

- **Final Guideline on Climate Risk Management and Disclosure for Financial Institutions issued by OSFI**  
March 13, 2023
- **ESG Loan Financing – Key Observations and Trends to Watch for in 2023**  
March 06, 2023
- **Power Perspectives 2023**  
January 11, 2023
- **ISSB provides updates on proposed sustainability and climate disclosure standards**  
November 09, 2022