



Droit forestier

Our Forestry Law Practice Group is one of our longest-standing practice areas. We advise and represent clients across Canada and abroad on virtually all issues affecting the forest sector. Particularly, we advise on developing policy for legislative initiatives and education programs.

Our group is bolstered by a professional forester and former in-house counsel for a major forest products company in British Columbia; a professional forester and former forester/lawyer with the Government of Alberta; and lawyers experienced in forestry, First Nations legal issues, arbitration, environmental law and administrative procedures and corporate/commercial transactions.

SERVICES RELIÉS

- Environnement
- Litiges, arbitrage et enquêtes
- Énergie renouvelable

Corporate and Commercial Matters

- Forest operations agreements, fibre supply contracts and forest management agreements
- Acquisitions, dispositions, takeover bids and corporate restructuring
- Labour and employment matters, including pension, benefits and Workers Compensation issues
- Joint ventures involving: forest industry and other industrial operators; First Nations and other parties assisting First Nations with timber resources; lumber and pulp conversion facilities and users of wood waste for power generation or value-added products; and financings.

Forest Law

- Timber, land and forest tenure transfers, and rights and obligations under forest tenures
- In B.C., administrative dealings with the Ministry of Forests at the district, regional and provincial levels
- The B.C. Timber Sales Program-Compliance and changes to logging agreements as a result of the Timber Harvesting Contract and Subcontract Regulation
- Regulatory compliance and administrative matters involving Alberta Sustainable Resource Development and advice to Delegated Administrative Organizations

Forest Policy

- Land use and forest practices
- Preparation of position papers on policy and legislation, and analysis of legislation, regulations and policy
- Professional ethics and standards of forestry practice
- Environmental and Land Claim Matters

- Advising on aboriginal land and resource claims
- Environmental litigation and administrative proceedings
- Environmental reviews, audits, and assessments
- Advice and representation for effective corporate organization, governance and environmental management systems to monitor and ensure compliance with environmental forest practices statutes

Litigation of Forestry Disputes

- Environmental challenges to forestry operations, and the defence of environmental charges
- Responses to aboriginal challenges to forest tenure
- Land claims to forest tenure lands
- Stumpage disputes, and rate and other arbitrations under logging contracts
- Administrative hearings in relation to forest practices
- Injunction proceedings in land use disputes

Emerging Issues

The Canadian forest industry is undergoing a significant restructuring to address:

- The emergence of new global competitors, both in conversion operations and fibre supply
 - Pressure on forest resources from other users
 - The resolution of land claims and the increasing role of First Nations in the forest sector
 - The de-integration of the forest industry and its consolidation within sectors,
 - Globalization and free trade
 - Innovative and developing regulatory changes dealing with resource ownership, forest practices, and timber pricing
 - The increasing focus on corporate responsibility for forest management and field operations
 - The potential impact of the mountain pine beetle on forest management and field operations
- Represented Western Forest Products Inc. in the \$21.8 Million Sale of its Former Pulp Mill Site to Woodfibre LNG Limited.

ACTUALITÉS

DLA Piper acting for Pinnacle Renewable Energy in partnership with Westervelt to develop pellet plant in the US Southeast

20 JAN 2020

Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc. has entered into a partnership with The Westervelt Company and Two Rivers Lumber Co., LLC to develop a new industrial wood pellet production facility in Demopolis, Alabama. DLA Piper are acting as counsel to Pinnacle.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. reconnue dans l'édition 2020 de Chambers Canada 2020

20 Sep 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. a le plaisir d'être reconnue comme leader de l'industrie dans l'édition 2020 de *Chambers Canada*.

Les avocats de DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. sont reconnus dans l'édition 2020 de *Best Lawyers in Canada*

21 AUG 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. a le plaisir de voir 70 de ses avocats dans 34 domaines de pratique différents reconnus dans l'édition 2020 du guide *Best Lawyers in Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP ranked in 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that thirty-eight of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2019 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Pinnacle Renewable Holdings Inc. in acquisition of 70% interest in Aliceville, Alabama wood pellet mill

19 OCT 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP, in conjunction with DLA Piper LLP (US), acted as lead counsel for Pinnacle Renewable Holdings Inc. in the acquisition of a 70% interest in an operating industrial wood pellet production facility located in Aliceville, Alabama from The Westervelt Company for approximately US\$37.1 million.

DLA Piper Canada s.e.n.c.r.l. reconnue dans l'édition 2019 de *Chambers Canada*

27 SEP 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. est heureuse d'être reconnue en tant que leader de l'industrie dans l'édition 2019 de *Chambers Canada*. Avec 34 avocats qui se sont distingués dans plus de 20 champs de pratique de droit, il s'agit de la meilleure performance de DLA Piper Canada à ce jour.

Soixante-douze avocats de DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. sont reconnus dans l'édition 2019 de *Best Lawyers in Canada*

22 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. est heureuse d'avoir augmenté encore une fois ses classements dans l'édition 2019 de *Best Lawyers*, avec près du tiers des avocats du cabinet qui se distinguent à titre de praticiens de premier plan au Canada dans plusieurs domaines de pratique clés.

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. obtient ses meilleurs résultats à ce jour dans l'édition 2018 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

2 MAY 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) s.e.n.c.r.l. est heureuse d'annoncer que 43 des avocats du cabinet ont été reconnus en tant que leaders dans l'édition 2018 du *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*. Le cabinet s'est également démarqué dans onze domaines de pratique différents.

In Canada

- Recognized by the *Chambers Canada* guide in Agribusiness: Forestry since 2017.
- Recognized by the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory since 2007 as "Consistently Recommended" in Forestry Law in Vancouver.