



Health Law

Our Health Law practice has acted for more than 30 years on behalf of both public and private sector healthcare clients on substantial matters involving health law and health privacy law, including the following areas:

- Government relations
- Health Canada licensing and regulation
- Professional association administrative and regulatory controls
- Corporate governance
- Professional negligence
- Risk management
- Patient rights
- Employment law
- Freedom of information and protection of privacy issues
- Clinical and non-clinical outsourcing and procurement
- Public-private partnerships and revenue generation
- Information technology agreements
- Trust and foundation relationships
- Land leasing and development for health purposes
- Contractual and insurance claims
- Medical tourism

We also have an extensive commercial practice involving healthcare clientele, providing general corporate and commercial advice, as well as assistance on taxation and real estate issues.

Emerging Issues

We keep up to date with ongoing discussions in the sector so that our clients can make informed decisions.

- Health privacy and access to information legislation (including issues arising from the *USA Patriot Act* and legal duties and obligations to maintain patient privacy)
- The existence and extent of any constitutional rights to access health-care services (see, for example, Supreme Court of Canada decisions in *Chaoulli v. Quebec*, *Auton v. British Columbia* and the decision on the Supervised Injection Site (Insite) in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside)

СООТВЕТСТВУЮЩИЕ УСЛУГИ

- Data Protection, Privacy and Security

СООТВЕТСТВУЮЩИЕ ОТРАСЛИ ЭКОНОМИКИ

- Life Sciences

- The co-existence of private and public health care systems and the future of regulatory controls on the interaction of the private sector in delivering healthcare services
- Interaction between the public healthcare system and the private sector, including both outsourcing initiatives and public-private partnerships (P3s) in the healthcare sector
- Adult guardianship, substitute decision-making, powers of attorney and committees for those suffering from life-threatening illness, mental or physical infirmity or incapacity
- Represented the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia
- Represented Vancouver Coastal Health Authority in *Providence Health Care Society v. Canada*, intervening in support of the injunction
- Represented the College of Psychologists of British Columbia
- Represented the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia

ПУБЛИКАЦИИ И МЕРОПРИЯТИЯ

Публикации

Rolling with it: Health Canada proposes inclusion of psychedelics in Special Access Program

18 December 2020

On December 11, 2020, Health Canada announced that it intends to repeal amendments to the Food and Drug Regulations (Parts C and J) and the Narcotic Control Regulations made in 2013 that, among other things, prohibit access to controlled drugs through the Special Access Program.

Health Canada proposes updates to the Cosmetic Ingredient Hotlist

16 October 2020

On October 14, 2020, Health Canada published Proposed Updates to the Cosmetic Ingredient Hotlist: Prohibited and Restricted Ingredients. Health Canada uses the Cosmetic Ingredient Hotlist to communicate to manufacturers and others that certain substances, when present in a cosmetic, may contravene the general prohibition found in section 16 of the *Food and Drugs Act* or a provision of the *Cosmetic Regulations*.

Altered reality? An update on psychedelics in Canada

30 JUN 2020

Those with an eye to investment trends and new industry growth may have noticed the surge in news related to psychedelic drugs in recent months. Although some may be quick to suggest this is the next frontier from the cannabis boom of 2017-2019, we would caution that this emerging industry is much more than an offshoot for past cannabis investors. In the past decade or so, there has been a resurgence in the interest in psychedelics as the scientific, pharmaceutical, and mental health communities revisit their therapeutic potential. With a number of psychedelics companies having had their IPOs over the last couple of months, it is the perfect time to consider the legal landscape in Canada.
