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Michael Styczen is a partner in the firm's Calgary office, practising corporate and commercial law in the energy sector.

Michael specializes in commercial transactions in the energy sector, including the development of conventional oil and gas and shale gas, LNG, conventional pipeline projects, and electric generation and transmission.

Michael's practice focuses on the energy sector in both British Columbia and Alberta, as well as on foreign (particularly Japanese) investment in Canada.

Michael has led or assisted on a large number of significant domestic and international transactions in the energy sector, including the purchase and sale of numerous shale gas, oil sands and conventional assets, electricity generation assets, clean (wind, solar and hydroelectric) electricity, and pipelines.

Michael is a marathoner and triathlete, and has contributed to a number of non-legal publications including *Canadian Running* magazine.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

EXPERIENCE

- Acted for Predator Midstream Ltd. in its \$107 million acquisition by SECURE Energy Services Inc.
- Represented Fiera Axium Infrastructure in the purchase of an additional interest in the Dokie wind energy project
- Represented Fiera Axium Infrastructure Canada II LP in its purchase of a 49% interest in the Jimmie Creek hydroelectric generating project in British Columbia
- Acted as counsel to the sellers in connection with the sale of Triple M Housing Ltd., a Canadian manufacturer of modular and manufactured homes, to TriWest Capital Partners
- Represented Fiera Axium Infrastructure in purchase of GE Energy interests in Toba Montrose and Dokie 1 Facilities

RELATED SERVICES

- Construction Law
- Corporate
- Electricity
- Oil and Gas
- Renewables

RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

- Represented Questfire Energy Corp. on its \$94 million purchase of 5,600 boe/d of conventional Alberta producing assets from Advantage Oil & Gas Ltd. and related bank financing

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Alberta, 1998
- British Columbia, 2004
- Manitoba, 1998

Prior Experience

Prior to his legal career, Michael practised as a professional engineer working as an environmental and operations supervisor in the electricity industry and as an environmental engineer in petroleum refining.

Recognitions

- *Legal 500 Canada* (Energy - Oil and Gas), 2016-2017

Education

- LL.B., University of Manitoba, 1997
- B.Sc., (Honours in chemical engineering), Queen's University, 1989

Memberships

- Law Society of Alberta
- Law Society of British Columbia
- Law Society of Manitoba
- Alberta Bar Association
- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta

Community Involvement

- Director, Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association
- Instructed and facilitated a number of continuing education seminars, primarily related to oil and gas transactions and commercial contract drafting.
- Bar admission course facilitator / evaluator since 2004
- Contributor to a number of legal and non-legal publications

INSIGHTS

Publications

Alberta government to require operators to reduce crude oil and bitumen production

17 DEC 2018

Canada in Focus

The Alberta government announced new measures designed to temporarily reduce crude oil and bitumen production in the province, in order to deal with a historically high differential between Alberta oil and bitumen prices, and broader North American prices.

What is a sealed bid?

1 AUG 2018

Canada in Focus

In bidding and tendering situations, or in competitive request for proposal (RFP) scenarios, owners frequently instruct bidders that bids or tenders are required to be submitted to the Owner “under seal”, or that “sealed tenders are required”. Unfortunately, confusion often arises because the term “seal” is used in three different contexts in the bidding and tendering world.

Alberta passes Bill 12, *Preserving Canada’s Economic Prosperity Act*

22 MAY 2018

The Alberta legislature on Wednesday passed Bill 12, *Preserving Canada’s Economic Prosperity Act*. The Act, which has been referred to in the media as the “turn off the taps” legislation, is the latest response to escalating tensions among the British Columbia, Alberta and Canadian federal governments over pipeline and energy matters.

Bill C-69 represents an overhaul of the Federal environmental assessment process

16 FEB 2018

When the new Liberal government took power in 2015, one of its promises was to revamp the system of environmental assessment of major projects within Federal jurisdiction in Canada. Following on that promise, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, introduced Bill C-69 in the House of Commons on February 8th, 2018. Bill C-69 will radically restructure the way in which major projects, including major energy projects, are reviewed in Canada.

- Republished, "Canada's Federal Budget 2015: A Significant Boost to Canadian LNG and Resources", Taxnet Pro, April 23, 2015.

Events

- Speaker, "Technology Transfer: Tips, Traps and Best Practices," CanGEA Technology Transfer Conference, June 23, 2016.
- Speaker, "Energy Law: Update on Recent Judicial Decisions of Interest", Calgary Energy Sector Speaker Series, Nov 4, 2015
- Speaker, "Drafting and Use of Boilerplate Clauses," The Canadian Bar Association Savvy Lawyers Series Webinar, May 7, 2015.

NEWS

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acting for Onex Corporation in \$5 billion acquisition of WestJet Airlines Ltd.

16 MAY 2019

On May 13, 2019, Onex Corporation announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement in which it will acquire all outstanding shares of WestJet Airlines Ltd. in an all-cash transaction valued at CDN \$5 billion.

New Perimeter delivers legal writing training course to Zambian law students

1 FEB 2019

New Perimeter, DLA Piper's nonprofit affiliate that provides long-term pro bono legal assistance in under-served regions around the world, recently conducted a fourth week-long training seminar for graduate law students in Zambia.
