



Forestry

Our Forestry Law 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.

RELATED SERVICES

- Environment
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Renewables

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 the 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 British Columbia, administrative dealings with the Ministry of Forests at the district, regional and provincial levels
- The BC 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
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- Represented Western Forest Products Inc. in the \$21.8 Million Sale of its Former Pulp Mill Site to Woodfibre LNG Limited.

NEWS

DLA Piper Canada lawyers recognized in 2022 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

March 4, 2022

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce our lawyers have been ranked as leading practitioners in the 2022 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes associate Erin Hunter

14 February 2022

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Erin Hunter to our Vancouver office. Erin joins the Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations and Forestry groups as an associate and will assist with forestry-related litigation and advisory work.

DLA Piper wins injunction appeal for Teal Cedar Products Ltd.

27 January 2022

On January 26, 2022, the British Columbia Court of Appeal granted Teal Cedar Products Ltd.'s appeal, extending an injunction to protect Teal Cedar's forestry operations on Vancouver Island. DLA Piper represented Teal Cedar on the successful appeal.

DLA Piper Canada recommended in 2022 edition of *Chambers Canada*

10 September 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and its lawyers have been recognized across 15 practice areas in the 2022 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2021

10 September 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 25 of our lawyers recognized across 16 practice areas in the 2021 edition of *Chambers Canada*.

DLA Piper Canada increases rankings in 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada*

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 79 of our lawyers across 35 practice areas recognized in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide, resulting in our best showing with the guide since its inception.

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.