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

Michael specializes in commercial transactions in the energy and renewables sector, including M&A, project development, technology transfer, lending and commodities transactions related to renewables, conventional electricity, oil and gas, and midstream.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

- Corporate
- Oil and Gas
- Renewables

- Energy and Natural Resources

English

- Led the team acting for a Canadian downhole tool designer and manufacturer in the acquisition of several manufacturers
- Led the team acting for a British Columbia oil refinery in connection with an inventory buy-sell arrangement
- A member of the team acting for Tidewater Midstream in connection with the \$150M initial public offering of Tidewater Renewables
- Led the team acting for a Canadian battery storage developer in the purchase and sale of several development portfolios and related financings
- Led the team acting for a power generation developer commercializing standalone generation solutions for standalone data centres and server farms
- Led the team acting for an EPC contractor installing solar generation in Alberta
- Led the team acting for Tidewater Midstream in connection with the sale of the Pioneer Pipeline
- Led the team acting for Ensign Energy Services in its purchase of all of the Canadian assets of Nabors Industries
- A member of the team acting for the purchaser of an interest in a 900 MW gas-fired generation facility in Alberta
- Led the team acting for Tidewater Midstream in connection with the disposition of its interest in a natural gas pipeline in Alberta
- Led the team acting for Tidewater Midstream in connection with the \$280 million financing of its purchase of the Prince George

refinery

- Led the team acting for Canadian private investors in connection with the sale of an oil pipeline construction and testing business to Canadian private equity
- A member of the team acting for ONEX in connection with its purchase of WestJet
- Acted for a number of small businesses to implement tax-driven corporate restructurings
- Led the team acting for Tidewater Midstream in connection with the development and financing of a natural gas pipeline and a gas storage facility in Alberta
- Led the team acting for Tidewater Midstream in connection with the sale of a cogeneration facility in Alberta
- Led the team acting for a consortium of First Nations purchasing a 49% interest in a Suncor tank farm
- Led the Canadian team acting for the target in connection with the public markets purchase of Calpine Corporation
- Led the Canadian team acting for INPEX Corporation in connection with the sale of its Canadian oil sands business
- Led the team advising an international engineering firm on the regulatory and commercial requirements for developing an upgrader in Alberta
- Represented numerous small and mid size producers in the acquisition and sale of oil and gas leases
- Led the team acting for Predator Midstream in connection with the sale of its crude oil transloading business to Secure Energy Services Inc.
- Led the team acting for a consortium led by INPEX Corporation in connection with the purchase of a 40% interest in Nexen Corporation's shale gas assets in northeastern British Columbia
- Led the team acting for Tokai Carbon in the acquisition of a carbon black facility and related waste heat recovery cogeneration unit in Medicine Hat, Alberta
- Led the team acting for a private equity fund in connection with the sale of the Island Cogeneration Facility in Campbell River, British Columbia
- Led the team acting for a European renewable energy company in connection with the purchase of a greenfield wind energy project in Alberta
- A member of the team acting for a U.S. private equity fund in connection with the sale of the Calgary Energy Centre
- A member of the team acting for a US private equity fund in connection with the purchase of the Calpine Power Income Fund

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Alberta
- Manitoba

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

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Law), 2022
- *Legal 500 Canada* (Energy - Oil and Gas), 2016-2017

Education

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

Memberships

- Law Society of Alberta
- Law Society of Manitoba
- Alberta Bar Association
- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (non-practicing)

Community Involvement

- Director, Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association
- Director, Cochrane and Area Humane Society
- Instructed and facilitated a number of continuing education seminars, primarily related to oil and gas transactions and commercial contract drafting.
- Contributor to a number of legal and non-legal publications

INSIGHTS

Publications

Looking to verify your energy project to generate carbon credits? Understanding two popular verification registries

18 February 2022

A summary of VERRA and Gold Standard.

Canada develops GHG offset regulations

8 February 2022

The System will work in tandem with existing provincial and territorial systems to develop a consistent suite of requirements for transferability and fungibility of GHG offset credits across Canada.

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

Events

- Guest Speaker, Queen's University Global Energy Conference, January 2022
- Facilitator and Course Leader, "Joint Ventures", Legal Education Society Alberta, Fall 2021
- Speaker, "Social Value and Corporate Strategy - Serving Society as a Global Energy Corporation", Global Lawyers of Canada, November 2016.
- Speaker, "Technology Transfer: Tips, Traps and Best Practices," CanGEA Technology Transfer Conference, June 23, 2016.
- Speaker, "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 advises Carbon Streaming in US\$20M carbon credit streaming agreement

25 May 2022

DLA Piper advised Carbon Streaming Corporation (NEO:NETZ)(OTCQB:OFSTF) in its signing of a US\$20 million carbon credit streaming agreement with Community Carbon, established by UpEnergy Group, bringing fuel-efficient cookstoves and safe water devices to millions of households in eastern and southern Africa.
