

Jeff Christian

Jeff is a litigation partner in the Vancouver office, with a practice focused on energy and regulated utilities. He appears regularly before administrative tribunals such as the B.C. Utilities Commission. In addition, he has acted for clients in the insurance, manufacturing and retail sectors at all levels of court, in arbitrations and in mediations.

Jeff is currently the head of the Litigation Group at Lawson Lundell.

Recognition And Ranking

- *Canadian Legal Expert Directory*: repeatedly recommended as a Leading Practitioner for energy (electricity)
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*: recognized for energy regulatory law

Professional Activities

- Green Energy Advisory Task Force (Procurement and Regulatory Reform Group), reporting to the British Columbia Cabinet Committee on Climate Action and Clean Energy, member
- University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law, occasional lecturer on the topic of public utility regulation
- Canadian Institute of Energy, BC Branch, past Director
- Lawson Lundell Energy Law Newsletter, past editor

Bar Admissions

- British Columbia (1994)
- Northwest Territories (2001)

Education

- University of British Columbia (B.A.Sc., Honours, Geotechnical Engineering, 1988)
- Dalhousie University (LL.B., 1993)

Experience

- Lead counsel to an electric utility before the B.C. Utilities Commission on facility approval, revenue requirements, wholesale transmission services, cost of service, and rate design applications, including conservation and time-of-use rates
- Advised U.S. financiers on regulatory proceedings in B.C. related to U.S. acquisitions of B.C. utilities
- Acted for a consumer group in a rate proceeding before the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board
- Acted for a power marketing company in proceedings before the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (now the Alberta Utilities Commission)
- Advised a potential buyer of a water utility on the exclusivity of the utility's franchise
- Appealed to the Federal Court a metering approval decision made by Measurement Canada



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Practices

- Administrative, Constitutional and Public Law
- Energy
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Public Utility and Regulatory

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- Represented clients before the National Energy Board and Federal Court on electricity export matters
- Acted for a party negotiating its participation in a regional transmission organization
- Advised an utility services company considering entering the Canadian sub-metering market
- Acted for a Canadian railway company in a rate dispute before the Canadian Transportation Agency

Conferences

- 3rd International Symposium on Energy Engineering, Economics and Policy: EEEP 2011
- Canada/U.S. Energy Transactions Strategic Conference, (August 2010)
- BC Power Summit, Insight Information, (2007 - 2010)

News / Publications

- Energy (Electricity) Recent Developments of Importance, *The 2011 Lexpert®/ American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* ©Thomson Reuters Canada Limited, (January 4, 2011), Author
- Two Solitudes in Western Canada: British Columbia and Alberta Carve Distinct Electricity Policy Paths, *The National Law Journal - Energy Report*, (October 25, 2010), Co-author
- BC Oil and Gas Activities Act in Force, (October 4, 2010), Co-author
- Cross-Examination in Tribunal Hearings, *Regulatory Boards and Administrative Law Litigation Journal*, Vol. 10, No. 2, 586-590, (May 26, 2009)
- Servicing and Utilities at Resort Communities in British Columbia, (July 22, 2006)
- The BC - Alberta Intertie: Impact of Regulatory Change, (June 16, 2004), with Krista Hughes

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