

Christine J. Kowbel

Christine practices environmental and aboriginal law, providing advice in respect of major project development, environmental assessment, permitting, operational matters and acquisition and sale of industrial projects.

She provides specialized mining industry advice, representing clients with respect to permitting and regulatory aspects of exploration, development, operation and closure of mining projects. Her other clients include energy, forestry and other natural resource sector companies, as well as banking institutions and real estate developers.

In her practice, Christine:

- works closely with environmental consultants and engineers in providing her clients with practical advice respecting legal obligations and managing risk;
- regularly conducts and coordinates environmental due diligence;
- assists in the negotiation and drafting of agreements related to First Nations and environmental matters;
- counsels project proponents on matters of federal, provincial and territorial jurisdiction, environmental assessment processes, consultation with the public and with First Nations, public hearings, regulatory licences and permits and approvals;
- prepares opinions for clients on various aspects of environmental law, including regulatory compliance, emergency notification, waste transportation and disposal, land rehabilitation, director and officer liability, environmental risk management, and corporate disclosure.

Professional Activities

- Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC), Lands Committee Member
- Canadian Bar Association: Environmental Law, Administrative Law, and Natural Resources, Member
- Environmental Law for Environmental Specialists, Douglas College, Guest Lecturer
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Member
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Newsletter, Reporter - Canada
- Clean Energy and Technology Blog, Contributor
- Project Law Blog, Contributor

Bar Admissions

- British Columbia (2002)
- Northwest Territories (2009)
- Nunavut (2011)



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Practices

- Aboriginal Law
- Climate Change
- Environmental
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Mining
- Project Permitting
- Regulatory Compliance

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Education

- University of Victoria (LL.B., 2000)

Experience

Christine has:

- Acted as in-house permitting manager for a major gold exploration and development project in Nunavut
- Advised clients on the permitting and development of mines and other major projects in various provinces and territories, including BC, Yukon, Nunavut, NWT, Alberta and Saskatchewan
- Advised a number of clients on the current and potential future liabilities relating to the acquisition of current and historic industrial properties
- Represented two major mining companies in the acquisition of advanced exploration properties in Nunavut
- Continued representation of a company developing a gold mine in Nunavut
- Continued representation of a company operating a diamond mining project in the Northwest Territories
- Advised clients on environmental management systems (including ongoing compliance with ISO certification requirements) and due diligence
- Represented various industrial corporations in defending charges under environmental and occupational health and safety laws and regulations
- Represented a natural resource company in obtaining an injunction to prohibit interference with project development and activities
- Assisted various clients during disputes relating to mineral tenure issues and competing interests in land
- Assisted clients with identifying, obtaining and defending permits, fisheries authorizations, water licences, environmental assessment certificates and other authorizations for mines, mills, hydroelectric facilities, and other natural resource projects
- Assisted clients in matters before all levels of Court in British Columbia, as well as various boards and tribunals located in BC and the Canadian North. She has also prepared applications on behalf of clients to the Supreme Court of Canada

Conferences

- "Other Federal Environmental Law and Policy", (February 2 - 4, 2011)
- "Due Diligence in Natural Resources Transactions", (March 16, 2010)

News / Publications

- Lawson Lundell Launches the Project Law Blog, (May 10, 2012)
- Project Law Bulletin: Environmental Assessment – Improving the Process, (March 23, 2012)
- Lawson Lundell Names New Partners, (January 3, 2012)
- Lawson Lundell Launches the Clean Energy and Technology Blog, (March 11, 2011)
- Mining Law Update - Spring 2010, (May 4, 2010)
- Lawson Lundell represents BC Hydro in the \$825 million purchase of a 1/3 interest in the 493 megawatt Waneta Dam from Teck Metals Ltd., (March 22, 2010)



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- Mining Law Update - Spring 2009, (May 1, 2009)
- Mining Law Update - Spring 2008, (May 8, 2008)
- Mining Law Update - Winter 2008, (April 18, 2008)
- Energy Law Newsletter - Spring 2007, (May 3, 2007)
- Mining Update - Winter 2007, (February 4, 2007)

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