

## Lisa A. Peters

Lisa is the head of the firm's research and opinions department. She prepares opinions, pleadings, factums and briefs on a broad range of legal topics. A large number of the opinions and other legal writing she has produced are in relation to what she calls the "5 C's": conflicts of laws; constitutional law; contract law; construction of statutes (statutory interpretation); and Crown law.

Lisa provides advice to clients faced with potential litigation and works with the firm's litigation lawyers, providing academic and strategic support for clients already engaged in the adversarial process. She supports the firm's corporate and commercial and real estate groups by providing legislative and jurisprudential due diligence in relation to large transactions.

In addition, Lisa carries out legislative drafting and legislative analysis for both government and organizations making submissions to government. She frequently advises clients on legislative interpretation and compliance.

Prior to focusing her practice on research and legal opinions, Lisa practiced for over a decade as a commercial and criminal litigator and has appeared at all levels of Court in Canada. Lisa still appears as counsel in appellate courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

### Recognition And Ranking

- *Martindale-Hubbell International Law Directory*: BV Peer Review rated

### Professional Activities

- British Columbia Law Institute, Director (2010-2013)
- University of British Columbia Faculty of Law, Legal Research and Writing (1989 to present), Lecturer
- Member of B.C. delegation to the Uniform Law Conference of Canada (2005 to present)
- Uniform Law Conference of Canada, Working Group on the federal *Interest Act*, Chair (2008 to present)
- B.C. Law Institute's Committee on Unfair Contracts Relief, Member (2009 to present)
- Canadian Bar Association (B.C. Branch) Legislation and Law Reform Committee, Past Chair
- Canadian Bar Association (B.C. Branch) Legal Research Section, Past Chair
- British Columbia Courthouse Library Society, Past Director and Secretary (2000 to July 2006)

### Bar Admissions

- British Columbia (1989)
- Northwest Territories (2009)



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### Practices

- Research and Opinions
- Commercial Litigation
- Administrative, Constitutional and Public Law
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- Yukon (2010)

#### Education

- University of British Columbia (B.A., 1984)
- University of Sherbrooke (Certificate in Civil Law/Comparative Law, 1986)
- University of British Columbia (LL.B., 1987)

#### Languages

- French

#### Experience

- Prepared draft legislation for association of professionals for submission to government
- Drafted factums for proceedings in provincial Courts of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada on a wide array of commercial and constitutional litigation issues, including private international law, contract law and *Charter* issues
- Accepted as an expert in B.C. statute law by the New Zealand Court of Appeal in *Marsman, Bleidistel and THK Trustees Limited v. Nijkrake*, 2009 NZCA 30
- Provided statutory due diligence on large commercial transactions
- Represented Teck Cominco at the Supreme Court of Canada
- Represented NIL/TU,O Child and Family Services Society in a constitutional case in the Supreme Court of Canada

#### Conferences

- Legal Research 2012, (April 20, 2012)
- "Legislative Developments and Case Law Update - Latest Important Trends", (September 20-21, 2011)
- "Pre-negotiation Strategies and Issues – Ethical, Business and Legal Considerations", (September 27-28, 2010)
- 10th Annual Negotiating & Drafting Major Business Agreements Conference, (November 2-3, 2009)
- 3rd Edition Negotiating and Drafting Major Business Agreements, (March 2-3, 2009)

#### News / Publications

- Contract Law Update: Developments of Note, (September 21, 2011)
- Lisa Peters quoted in Lawyers Weekly, (June 27, 2011), Interview
- Supreme Court of Canada Weighs in on Disclosure Standard in Relation to Real Estate Developments in British Columbia, (May 13, 2011)
- Contract Law Update: Developments of Note, (October 8, 2010)
- Contract Law Update: Developments of Note, (April 9, 2009)
- Researching Foreign Law, *Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. course "Legal Research 2008"*, (December 12, 2008), co-authored with Lisa Peters
- Supreme Court of Canada Appeal, (November 17, 2008)
- Claims for Misfeasance in Public Office: A Brief Summary, (May 25, 2007)
- "Recent Developments in Contract Law", Negotiating and Drafting Major Business Agreements Conference, Insight Information (2006)



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- "Conflict of Laws Primer", (November 1, 2006)
- "Research Strategies for Statutory Interpretation Questions" Legal Research – Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. (2004)"
- Solicitor-Client Privilege - Some Misconceptions, (February 25, 2004)
- "Corporate Opportunity: A Primer - Part 2" 11 Canadian Corporate Counsel 39 (2001)
- Corporate Opportunity: A Primer - Part 1, (July 5, 2001)
- "Proving Pure Economic Loss" Business Suits – Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia (1999)
- "Recovery of Legal Research Expenses in Taxations and Assessments of Costs"
- "Contract Damages for Loss of Opportunity or Chance" Contract Damages – Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. (1996)
- "Termination of Contracts" Contracts – Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. (1995)
- "Breach of fiduciary duty – an expanding cause of action"

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