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Year of Call: 2016 - British
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Year of Call: 2009 -
Northwest Territories

Year of Call: 2009 - Yukon

Year of Call: 1998 - Ontario

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Maxime Faille

Named Benchmark Canada's Aboriginal Lawyer of the Year for 2016, Max Faille is a partner in Gowling WLG's Vancouver office, practising in Indigenous law, public law and general litigation.

Max's clients consist of Indigenous governments and businesses across Canada, as well as private sector interests seeking to do business with Indigenous communities. In addition to legal representation in the courts and in negotiations, Max regularly provides advice on matters of Aboriginal and treaty rights, First Nation taxation, self-government, Aboriginal consultation and accommodation, Impact and Benefit Agreements, and Aboriginal economic development.

His advocacy includes representing clients before the Ontario Superior Court and Divisional Court, the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories, the Yukon Supreme Court, the Federal Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal, the Tax Court of Canada and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Prior to completing his law studies, Max worked on Parliament Hill and as special adviser on United Nations Reform to the office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 1995, he was awarded the Government of Canada Merit Award by the Minister of Foreign Affairs for "Exceptional and Distinguished Contribution to the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Public Service." From 1988 to 1993, he worked at the United Nations in New York in the areas of human rights, arms control and peacekeeping.

Max is frequently invited to present to or chair major national legal conferences in Indigenous law on such topics as Indigenous consultation and accommodation, First Nation taxation, Aboriginal economic development and Impact Benefit Agreements.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business.

Fluent in both English and French, Max practices in both official languages.

Among numerous recognitions and awards for his work in Aboriginal law, Max is recognized as a leading lawyer in Aboriginal Law in Chambers Canada 2016, Lexpert's Leading Canadian Lawyers in Energy 2015 and Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining, 2015-2016.

Expertise

Energy

Natural Resources

Indigenous Law

Government Affairs

Supreme Court of Canada Services

Canada North

""He was strong on the pure legal elements, and stood out for his ability to handle the commercial elements and understand the dynamics of a negotiation involving business and cultural complexities." "
- Client quote in Chambers Global 2015

Career & Recognition

2020

September

Chambers Canada 2021

August

Best Lawyers in Canada 2021

April

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2020

March

Lexpert Special Edition: Mining 2020

February

Chambers Global 2020

2019

November

Legal 500 Canada 2020

September

Chambers Canada 2020

August
Lexpert Special Edition – Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2019

August
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2020

April
Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2019

February
Chambers Global 2019

2018

December
Legal 500 Canada 2019

September
Lexpert's Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining 2018/2019

September
Chambers Canada 2019

August
Lexpert/ROB Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2018

August
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019

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Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2018

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Chambers Global 2018

2017

December

Legal 500 Canada 2018

September

Chambers Canada 2018

May

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2017

2016

October

Chambers Canada 2017

September

Lexpert's Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining 2016/2017

June

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2016

April

Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys 2016

February

Benchmark Aboriginal Lawyer of the Year 2015

Year of Call, British Columbia

Chambers Global 2016

2015

December

Lexpert's Leading Lawyers in Energy 2015

November

Chambers Canada 2016

October

Lexpert's Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining, 2015-2016

July

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2015

April

Chambers Global 2015

April

Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys 2015

2014

November

Lexpert's Leading Lawyers in Energy 2014

July

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2014

April

Chambers Global 2014

April

Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys 2014

April

Lexpert's Leading Canadian Lawyers in Global Mining

2013

December

Lexpert's guide to Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers

July

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2013

April

Chambers Global 2013

March

Benchmark Canada 2013

Benchmark Canada 2013 - Litigation Star (Aboriginal Law)

Benchmark Canada 2013 - Litigation Star (Aboriginal Law)

Benchmark Canada 2013 - Litigation Star (Ontario)

Benchmark Canada 2013 - Litigation Star (Ontario)

2012

July

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2012

April

2009

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1998

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1996

University of Ottawa, LLB (summa cum laude)

Memberships

- Law Society of Upper Canada

Representative Work

- Counsel, Assembly of First Nations (intervener) in the Supreme Court of Canada, Bastien v. Her Majesty the Queen; Dube v. Her Majesty the Queen (First Nation taxation)
- Co-counsel, Union of Nova Scotia Indians, (intervener) in the Supreme Court of Canada, Bastien v. Her Majesty the Queen; Dube v. Her Majesty the Queen (First Nation taxation)
- Co-counsel, Chiefs of Ontario, (intervener) in the Supreme Court of Canada, Bastien v. Her Majesty the Queen; Dube v. Her Majesty the Queen (First Nation taxation)
- Advised Chinese state company on Aboriginal aspects of mining acquisition

- Advised Ontario utility on Aboriginal aspects of hydro-electric facilities acquisition
- Counsel, Gwich'in Tribal Council (caribou hunting rights litigation)
- Legal Counsel, Deline First Nation (self-government)
- Legal Counsel, Behdzi Ahda First Nation (self-government)
- Legal Counsel, Fort Good Hope First Nation and Métis Local (self-government)
- Legal Counsel, Eskasoni First Nation (First Nation taxation)
- Legal Counsel, Tillicum Lelum Friendship Centre (First Nation taxation)