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Wally Braul

Wally Braul is a partner in Gowling WLG's Advocacy Group, and is one of Western

Canada's most highly regarded energy, Indigenous law and environmental lawyers. Based in Vancouver and Calgary, Wally leads Gowling WLG's western environmental practice group. He has been repeatedly recognized by peer reviews such as Legal 500, Lexpert, The Best Lawyers in Canada and Who's Who Legal.

Wally's recent work includes:

- Tribunal and judicial proceedings in B.C. and Alberta respecting shale gas fracking, water, pipelines, marine terminals, contaminated sites, tailing ponds and public utility matters.
- Strategic advice to senior executives of energy companies on how to respond to recent judicial decisions on Aboriginal title and new legislation respecting LNG and water.
- Engaging with federal and provincial regulators to resolve environmental assessment, Aboriginal and permitting issues involving pulp mills, mines, wind farms, fracking, pipelines and remediation of contaminated sites.
- Negotiations with Aboriginal groups in respect of consultation protocols and impact and benefit agreements in a wide array of natural resource projects.
- Opinions on civil, regulatory and quasi-criminal liability respecting environmental and Aboriginal law issues.
- Negotiation and drafting of Aboriginal and environmental conditions - e.g. representations and indemnities - in share and asset agreements.

Wally brings a nuanced understanding of competing perspectives to form pragmatic business solutions and litigation strategies. He maintains strong working relationships with federal and provincial regulators to keep abreast of unfolding policies and requirements. He has previously acted for regulators in litigation matters (including a precedent-setting case that imposed liability on a foreign subsidiary for environmental problems caused by its Canadian subsidiary), as well as law reform (such as the drafting of B.C.'s contaminated sites legislation, regulations and policy advice to the federal government on imports of hazardous waste).

Wally is a frequent commentator on energy-related legal developments, having authored numerous articles and presented at many conferences. He is also a contributing editor for the Environment Law journal. Before joining Gowling WLG, he was a partner at another well-respected Canadian law firm and served as the co-chair of that firm's Aboriginal law practice group.

Called to the Bar in B.C. and Alberta, Wally also holds a masters degree in urban and regional planning. Prior to practising law, he served as the director of land use planning for

a regional government in northeast British Columbia.

Expertise

Infrastructure

Natural Resources

Energy

Indigenous Law

Climate Change and Environmental Law

Government Affairs

Environmental Litigation

Canada North

Career & Recognition

2020

April

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2020

March

Lexpert Special Edition: Mining 2020

2019

November

Legal 500 Canada 2020

October

Who's Who Legal: Environment 2019

September

Lexpert Special Edition – Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers 2019

August

Lexpert Special Edition – Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2019

August

The Best Lawyers in Canada 2020

April

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2019

2018

December

Legal 500 Canada 2019

September

Lexpert/ROB Special Edition on Infrastructure: Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers

2018

August

Lexpert/ROB Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2018

August

Who's Who Legal: Environment 2018

August

The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019

April

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2018

2017

December

Legal 500 Canada 2018

August

The Best Lawyers in Canada 2018

May

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2017

2016

2016

November
Legal 500 Canada 2017

October
Who's Who Legal: Environment 2016

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

August
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2017

June
Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2016

2015

December
Who's Who Legal: Canada 2015

November
Who's Who Legal: Environment 2015

September
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2016

July
Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2015

2013

Who's Who Legal: Canada, 2013-2014

2012

2012

Year of Call, Alberta

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, 2012-2014

2011

The Best Lawyers in Canada, 2011-2015

1987

Year of Call, British Columbia

1985

University of British Columbia, MA (Community and Regional Planning)

University of Ottawa, LLB

1975

Brock University, BA (Hons.)

Representative Work

- Representation of energy and land development companies in B.C. Environmental

Appeal Board proceedings respecting shale gas fracking, water and site contamination.

- B.C. Supreme Court proceedings respecting disposition of shale gas assets and water rights on behalf of energy companies.
- Representation of energy companies and land developers respecting prosecutions of environmental offences.
- Advice to project applicants for National Energy Board approvals respecting pipelines and marine terminals.
- B.C. Utilities Commission proceedings respecting "public utility" requirements for energy and water distribution companies.
- Strategic advice to senior executives of energy companies on how to respond to recent judicial decisions on Aboriginal title and new legislation respecting LNG and water.
- Negotiation and drafting of Aboriginal and environmental conditions (e.g. representations indemnities) in share, asset and joint venture agreements.
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