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Shane is a partner at BLG and focuses on corporate, commercial and regulatory matters in the resource and infrastructure sectors, including electricity, gas and water.

He acts as counsel for renewable and non-renewable electricity projects, district energy projects and other infrastructure projects. He focuses on underlying key project agreements and regulatory approvals. He has also acted for numerous clients in the purchase and sale of natural gas and electricity, and financial products, hedges and swaps.

Prior to joining BLG, Shane was assistant general counsel and general counsel of large utilities in Ontario and Alberta. He was heavily involved in the restructuring of the electricity industry and utilities in those jurisdictions.

Shane is a member of the firm's [Environmental, Social & Governance \(ESG\)](#) initiative.

Experience

- Counsel to developers, hosts, lenders, purchasers and sellers regarding renewable and non-renewable generating projects in Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta.
- Counsel to the Independent Electricity System Operator regarding the Large Renewable Procurement, Industrial Electricity Incentive Program, the Energy From Waste and the Hydroelectric Contract Initiative.

- Counsel to purchasers, sellers, buying groups and traders regarding natural gas, electricity and emissions using GasEDIs, NAESBs, ISDAs, EEIs and other standard Master Agreements.
- Counsel to utilities regarding conservation and demand management agreements, suite metering agreements, connection agreements and terms and conditions of service.
- Participated in the restructuring of the Ontario and Alberta electricity industries.
- Assisted in the reorganization of Ontario Hydro and the incorporation of Ontario Power Generation.
- Assisted in the direction of the transition of EPCOR from a city-owned department to a stand-alone major Alberta utility.
- Participated in the negotiation of the first combined water and electric corporate utility in Canada.
- Aided in the development of the agreement to devolve responsibility for oil and gas resources from the federal government to the Government of the Northwest Territories (Northern Accord).
- Directed the purchase of the Northern Canada Power Commission from the Federal Government and the development of the *Public Utilities Act* and *Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act*.

Insights Rollup

- Auteur, « Canada's first deep geological repository site is selected », article de BLG, janvier 2025
- Auteur, « Ontario launches large competitive energy procurement: Opportunities for renewables and next steps for LT2 », article de BLG, septembre 2024
- Auteur, « De nouveaux appels d'offres d'énergie renouvelable au Québec », article de BLG, septembre 2021
- Auteur, « Renewable VPPAs and ESG: What you need to know before you buy », article de BLG, août 2021
- Auteur, « Le Plan d'action canadien pour les PRM : des changements concrets à la réglementation de la CCSN », article de BLG, décembre 2020
- Auteur, « La Stratégie canadienne pour l'hydrogène », article de BLG, décembre 2020
- National Electricity Markets Trends 2020, vidéo de BLG, décembre 2020

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Professional Involvement

- Member of the Board of Directors, Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPRO)
- Chair, International Bar Association, Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure (SEERIL)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2016) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law) and since 2022 (Oil & Gas).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2016) of *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Energy: Power - Transactional (Nationwide)).

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2019) of *Chambers Global — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Energy: Power - Transactional).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining*
- Recognized as a leading lawyer in the 2024 and previous editions of the *Lexpert®/Report on Business Special Edition on Infrastructure*.
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2011) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Energy – Electricity).
- Recognized as a 2023 *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer.
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of the *Legal 500 Canada* as a Leading individual (Energy & Natural Resources - Power).
- Recognized as a leading energy lawyer in the 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2018 (and since 2013) editions of the *Lexpert®/Report on Business Special Edition on Energy*.
- Recognized in the 2024, 2018 edition (and since 2015) of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Energy).
- Recognized as a 2019 Acritas Star (and since 2017).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of the *Lexpert®/ROB Special Edition – Canada's Leading Corporate Lawyers*.
- Recognized as a leading lawyer in the 2019 and previous editions of *The Legal 500 Canada* (Energy: Power).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2002
- Nunavut, 2000
- Territoires du nord-ouest, 1986
- Alberta, 1983
- LLB, Université de Windsor, 1982
- MBA, Université de la Saskatchewan, 1979
- B.Comm., Université de l'Alberta, 1978

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