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As both a lawyer and an engineer, Doug has significant expertise in large **infrastructure projects**, working on major projects across Canada, and around the world.

He practises in the areas of:

- **public-private partnerships**
- construction contracts (negotiation, drafting, and review)
- shipbuilding contracts
- power plant and industrial EPC contracts
- contracts to design or construct any asset

Doug is also a frequent author and speaker for various organizations and publications on these areas of law.

He is the national leader of our **Public-Private Projects** group.

## Experience

- Eldorado Gold/Skouries: Counsel to Eldorado Gold for their large gold mining project in Greece with Fluor as the counter party (EPCM Contract).
- HD Mining: Various contracts acting for the owner for a BC Mining project.
- Ghana Mine: Hybrid EPC/EPCM contract for the owner of a mine in Ghana.
- Saskatchewan Mining and Minerals: Contracts for all new process equipment for mine owner.

- Blackwater Gold: Acted for Sedgman as the EPCM contractor for this project.
- BC Hydro/Site C: Counsel to BC Hydro on this significant hydroelectric project.
- BC Hydro/John Hart: Counsel for BC Hydro on this PPP hydroelectric project.
- REM: Acting for the builder on this significant transit project in Montréal.
- Ridley Terminals: Acting for RTI with respect to a number of commercial matters.
- Ontario Line: Acting for a bidding team member for this Ontario transit project.
- RER3: Acting for a bidding team member for this Ontario transit project.
- Edmonton Valley Line: Acted for the city on this transit project.
- Nanaimo Correctional Centre: Acted for the Province of B.C. on the design-build prison project.
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital: Acted for the Province of Nova Scotia on its hospital projects.
- Alberta Schools 5: Acting for a bidder on this schools project.
- Representative clients include Flatiron, Grosvenor, Parsons, Bilfinger, Acciona, Turner, Clark, Graham, Bird, EPCOR, and a number of government agencies.
- New Bridge over St. Lawrence Corridor (Champlain Bridge) (\$2.4 billion) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Stanton Territorial Hospital Project (\$300 million) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Okanagan Correctional Centre (\$190 million) – Lead counsel for the Province of B.C. (closed).
- Surrey Pretrial Services Centre Expansion (\$90 million) – Lead counsel for the Province of B.C. (closed).
- Evergreen Line – Co-lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Alberta Schools 3 – Co-lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Alberta Schools 2 (\$250 million) – Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- RCMP – Lead counsel for member of design-build joint venture (closed).
- Fort St. John Hospital (\$300 million) – Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Golden Ears Bridge Bridge and Highway (\$1.1 billion) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Northwest Anthony Henday Bridge and Highway – (\$1.4 billion) Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Alberta Schools (\$500 million) – Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- Surrey Outpatient Facility (\$200 million) – Lead counsel for member of design-build joint venture (closed).
- Royal Jubilee Hospital Patient Care Centre (\$350 million) – Lead counsel for lead member of design-build joint venture (closed).
- Water/Wastewater Treatment plants – Lead counsel for the concessionaire in respect of water treatment projects for Port Hardy, Lytton, and Sooke (closed).
- Sea-to-Sky Highway Bridge and Highway (\$600 million) – BLG acted for UK and French lenders to the concessionaire. Primary responsibility for design-build and operations contracts (closed).
- E18 Grimstad – Kristiansand (Norway) Bridge and Highway (\$500 million) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Kicking Horse Canyon Bridge and Highway (\$130 million) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Calgary Ring Road Bridge and Highway (\$650 million) – Lead counsel for the design-build joint venture (closed).
- Britannia Water Treatment plant (\$27 million) – Lead counsel for the concessionaire (closed).
- BART Extension (San Francisco) – Lead counsel for US design-build joint venture, part of preferred proponent (process terminated).
- Port Mann Bridge and Highway (\$2.46 billion) – Lead counsel for design-build joint venture (closed).
- ACCW Prison – Lead counsel for government owner (closed).
- HWY 97 and Campbell Road Interchange – Lead counsel for First Nation (closed).
- “The Rise,” a mixed-use commercial/residential building – Lead counsel for private owner (closed).

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Construction Tariff Resource", BLG Article, April 2025
- Author, "May you live in interesting times: Canadian procurement and potential bans on American companies", BLG Article, February 2025
- Thought Starters, BLG Perspective, September 2023
- Author, "CCDC 2: Updates to the stipulated price contract", BLG Article, December 2020
- Speaker, "[Conscious Re-Coupling: P3s in Alberta](#)," CBA-AB Construction Law Section- South Webinar, October 2020
- Author, "Constructing in a COVID-19 world: looking forward", BLG Article, May 2020
- Author, "Contractual risks amid the COVID-19 outbreak", BLG Article, March 2020
- Avoiding Common Errors in Construction Contracts
- Speaker, "Project Delivery Models," PBLI, September, 2016.
- Speaker, "Construction Claims: Preventing and Addressing Construction Claims at all Stages," Affinity Institute, February, 2016.
- Managing Risks in Construction Contracts

## Beyond Our Walls

### Community Involvement

- Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- Fellow, Engineers Canada (nominated by both BC and Saskatchewan)
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Member, Law Society of Yukon (non-practising)
- Member, Association of Professional Engineers of BC and Saskatchewan
- Member, Construction Specifications Canada

## Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2010) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Construction Law, Project Finance Law, Public Procurement Law), and recognized as "Vancouver Project Finance Law Lawyer of the Year" in 2019 and 2018.
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2023) of *Lexology Index* (formerly *Who's Who Legal: Canada*) (Government Contracts & Construction).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Lexology Index: Projects & Procurement* (formerly *Who's Who Legal: Canada*).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining*.
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *The Legal 500* (Infrastructure Projects).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2016) editions of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Projects: PPP & Infrastructure).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2013) of *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Projects: PPP & Infrastructure).

- Recognized in the 2025 (and since 2013) edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Construction Law; Infrastructure Law). Also recognized in 2019 for Energy (Electricity).
- Recognized as a leading infrastructure lawyer in the 2024 edition (and since 2014) of the *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*.
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2020) of *IFLR1000* (Project Development; Project Finance)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of the *Doyles Guide - Leading Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure Lawyers* – British Columbia
- Recognized by the 2016 Client Choice Awards as the exclusive winner in the Projects & Procurement category in British Columbia.
- Recognized as a 2018 BTI Client Service All-Star.
- Recognized as a 2017 Acritas Star.
- Recognized by the 2016 Client Choice Awards as the exclusive winner in the Projects & Procurement category in British Columbia.

## Bar Admission & Education

- Yukon Territory, 2015
  - British Columbia, 1999
  - Saskatchewan, 1990
  - Ontario, 2023
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- LLB, University of Saskatchewan, 1989

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