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Roark represents and advises clients on environmental, regulatory, and litigation matters. As part of his dispute resolution practice, he represents clients in civil claims, environmental law matters, regulatory proceedings and prosecutions, and other disputes. He also advises clients on regulatory compliance, environmental due diligence, and matters relating to Indigenous land rights.

Roark has acted as counsel in all levels of court in British Columbia and in numerous provincial and federal administrative tribunals. He also provides strategic advice for parties in negotiations and mediations.

Prior to joining BLG, Roark had a civil litigation and regulatory practice at a global firm.

Experience

- Counsel on environmental law matters including contaminated sites litigation, responses to spills and migrating pollution, regulatory compliance and enforcement proceedings, site due diligence, and environmental management and remediation agreements.
- Advising on and drafting land-use agreements relating to Indigenous lands.
- Counsel for clients facing enforcement proceedings (including prosecutions) relating to licensing, permitting, and other regulatory compliance issues.
- Defence counsel for clients in litigation relating to occupiers' liability, product liability, construction defects, and other types of negligence claims.
- Counsel in regulatory proceedings before the British Columbia Utilities Commission.

- *E.B. v. British Columbia (Child, Family and Community Services)*, 2021 BCCA 47: Acted as counsel in successful defence of appeal from striking of claims of defamation and misfeasance in a public office.
- *E.B. v. British Columbia (Child, Family and Community Services)*, 2019 BCSC 2200: Acted as co-counsel for defendants in successful application to strike amended notice of civil claim alleging negligence, defamation, and misfeasance in a public office.
- Acted as co-counsel in a regulatory prosecution for a corporation facing charges under the *Health of Animals Act*, S.C. 1990, c. 21.
- Acted as co-counsel for the Law Society of British Columbia in professional discipline proceedings.
- Acted as counsel for a refugee claimant from a European country in the Refugee Protection Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board. The claimant sought protection from persecution based on their SOGIE. The Refugee Protection Division accepted the claim and granted the claimant refugee status.
- Acted as counsel for a personal applying for a Pre-Removal Risk Assessment to avoid removal to a Central American country. The person was able to remain in Canada with their family.

Insights & Events

- Auteur, « B.C. government launches public engagement on Infrastructure Projects Act: What you need to know », article de BLG, juillet 2025
- Auteur, « Canada's greenwashing crackdown: New guidelines & private right of action », article de BLG, juillet 2025
- Auteur, « New legislation alert: Streamlined approval processes for major projects in B.C. and Canada », article de BLG, juin 2025
- Speaker, "Expert evidence: How to not soil the bed in erosion and sediment control-related litigation," Erosion and Sediment Control Association of British Columbia, June 2025
- Speaker, "Environmental Permitting in BC: Tips for Success and Lessons Learned (Panel)," British Columbia Environmental Industry Association Bettering Environmental Stewardship + Technology conference, May 2025
- Auteur, « Regulation of renewable energy projects in B.C.: Streamlined approval processes for project development », article de BLG, février 2025
- Auteur, « New proposed guidelines regarding environmental claims - Canada's Competition Bureau holds a public consultation », article de BLG, janvier 2025
- Auteur, « Déclarations ESG : gestion des risques et des responsabilités pour les entreprises canadiennes », article de BLG, juillet 2024
- Auteur, « Publicité trompeuse et écoblanchiment : projet de loi C-59 et modification de la Loi sur la concurrence », article de BLG, juillet 2024
- Auteur, « Acton Super-Save Gas Stations Ltd v Eneas Proper tenure for businesses on reserves », article de BLG, juin 2024
- Auteur, « Nouveau projet de règlement sur les COV au Canada : encore et toujours la même bataille constitutionnelle? », article de BLG, mars 2024
- Auteur, « BC Supreme Court issues rare damages award for misfeasance in public office », article de BLG, octobre 2023
- Auteur, « Canada enacts into law the right to a healthy environment and more stringent chemical management requirements », article de BLG, juin 2023
- Auteur, « Kitselas First Nation and British Columbia reach Environmental Assessment Agreement », article de BLG, juin 2023
- Auteur, « Opening the tap: the B.C. government proposes new Watershed Security Strategy », article de BLG, mars 2023
- Auteur, « BC introduces new rules for carbon capture and storage », article de BLG, décembre 2022

- Auteur, « BC expands liability for oil and gas activities to directors, officers and others », article de BLG, décembre 2022
- Auteur, « BC hydrogen legislation New regulator for hydrogen and other energy resources », article de BLG, décembre 2022
- Presenter "Evolving Trends and Best Practices in ESG," Vancouver Environmental Seminar, October 2022.
- Auteur, « Contaminated sites BC: Increased requirements proposed in ministry discussion paper », article de BLG, octobre 2022
- Auteur, « British Columbia Court of Appeal upholds provisions of the Medicare Protection Act », article de BLG, août 2022
- Auteur, « Incoming changes to the Natural Health Products Regulations in Canada », article de BLG, juillet 2022
- Auteur, « B.C. outlines newly released oil & gas royalty framework », article de BLG, mai 2022
- Auteur, « À creuser – Récentes modifications à la réglementation relative aux sols de déblai en Colombie-Britannique, en Ontario et au Québec », article de BLG, avril 2022

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Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Law & Policy Liaison, Canadian Bar Association (British Columbia Environmental Law Subsection)
- Section Executive, Canadian Bar Association (British Columbia Natural Resources Subsection)

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation)

Bar Admission & Education

- Colombie-Britannique, 2018
- Territoire du Yukon, 2024
- BA (Honours), Université McGill, 2013
- JD, Université de Victoria, 2017

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