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Chris has extensive experience representing business, government, and First Nations organizations on a range of partnerships, commercial arrangements, and governance matters.

As the western regional lead for our Indigenous Law Group, Chris works to build strategic and durable relationships between government, industry and Indigenous organizations.

Prior to joining BLG, Chris served as the Director General for the western negotiations branch of Crown-Indigenous Relations. In that role, he led a large team of federal negotiators at more than 60 sets of tables across British Columbia and the Yukon.

From 2014 to 2018 Chris was a senior counsel at BC Hydro, leading many different aspects of their First Nations engagement. From 2001 to 2014 Chris was in private practice where he represented dozens of Indigenous organizations on a range of matters including treaty negotiations, governance, lands and economic development, aboriginal rights and title, consultation & accommodation, and specific claims.

Experience

- Western Forest Products – Advised and drafted agreements to re-invigorate a limited partnership with a British Columbia First Nation
- Advising on indigenous relations matters across western Canada, including consultation & accommodation and the formation or implementation of business arrangements with indigenous groups.

- Advising private and public developers on the creation and implementation of structures to allow First Nations to participate in ownership and development of significant (\$500M+) real estate development projects on private, public and First Nation lands.
- Advising on the creation of regulations and associated agreements pursuant to the First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act in the context of a major (\$2B+) real estate development project on First Nation lands.
- Advised a private developer on the creation of a limited partnership with a First Nation for a solar energy project (\$100M+) in Alberta.
- Provided advisory support to the Government of the Northwest Territories on policy intentions in support of the *Mineral Resources Act*.
- Advised major licencees in the forestry sector on indigenous relations strategies, protocols, and business relationships, including the formation of limited partnerships and joint ventures.
- Advised proponents and First Nations on environmental assessments, impact benefit agreements, and consultation/engagement matters in the context of multiple mining projects across Canada.
- Supported the establishment and administration of Indigenous-led institutions in the education and cultural sectors.
- Advised multiple crown corporations, utilities, and government agencies across Canada on indigenous relations matters.
- Led federal teams in high profile negotiations under the BC Treaty process and other reconciliation initiatives.
- Negotiated and drafted agreements and advised on multiple Indigenous issues for BC Hydro.
- Represented a Vancouver Island First Nation in establishing a limited partnership and acquiring a major forestry tenure and related assets.
- Represented a lower mainland First Nation in negotiating impact benefit agreements and associated commercial ventures for multiple major infrastructure projects.
- Represented more than a dozen First Nations in establishing or updating bylaws, constitutions, and related governance matters
- Advised Indigenous Groups and provincial crown corporations on the acquisition and management of tenures on First Nation lands.

Insights & Events

- Auteur, « Litigation developments: Aboriginal title and fee simple title », article de BLG, janvier 2025
- Auteur, « SCC clarifies how the honour of the Crown affects (re)negotiation of “reconciliation-based” agreements with Indigenous groups », article de BLG, janvier 2025
- Auteur, « Action Super-Save Gas Stations Ltd v Eneas Proper tenure for businesses on reserves », article de BLG, juin 2024
- Auteur, « Individual Charter Rights vs Collective Indigenous Rights », article de BLG, avril 2024
- Auteur, « Bill C-45 Legislative updates provide enhanced support to First Nations Financial Management », article de BLG, octobre 2023
- Auteur, « BC Supreme Court issues rare damages award for misfeasance in public office », article de BLG, octobre 2023
- Auteur, « Gitxaala v. British Columbia and the impact on mineral tenure », article de BLG, octobre 2023
- Auteur, « Kitselas First Nation and British Columbia reach Environmental Assessment Agreement », article de BLG, juin 2023
- Auteur, « Titres ancestraux : Décision en Colombie-Britannique concernant le territoire traditionnel des Nuchatlaht », article de BLG, juin 2023

- Auteur, « Opening the tap: the B.C. government proposes new Watershed Security Strategy », article de BLG, mars 2023
- Auteur, « La Loi sur les Indiens : Comprendre la capacité juridique des Premières Nations au Canada », article de BLG, février 2023
- Co-Presenter, "Structuring the Deal and the Relationship," PBLI, November 2022.
- Presenter "Evolving Trends and Best Practices in ESG," Vancouver Environmental Seminar, October 2022.
- Presenter, "Indigenous Engagement in Major Projects," BLG In-House Counsel session, September 2022.
- Auteur, « Indigenous-led Clean Fuels Program », article de BLG, avril 2022
- Auteur, « Government expands Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation mandate », article de BLG, mars 2022
- Auteur, « Principaux enjeux de 2021 en matière d'énergie : incidence pour 2022 et les années à venir », article de BLG, mars 2022
- Presenter, "[Key Developments in Indigenous Law](#)," BC, February 2022.
- Auteur, « Do American First Nations have aboriginal rights in Canada? », article de BLG, juin 2021
- Auteur, « Bill C-92: Recognizing Indigenous authority over child and family services », article de BLG, mai 2021
- Auteur, « Canadian government advances Indigenous rights bill », article de BLG, avril 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Community Involvement

- (Past) Volleyball and soccer coach for community, elementary, high school, club and university level teams
- (Past) Director, Volleyball BC

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *Best Lawyers in Canada® (Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice)*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2024) of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Aboriginal Law - Nationwide).
- Recognized in the 2025 and 2024 edition of *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Aboriginal Law).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Aboriginal Law)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining*.
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*

Bar Admission & Education

- Colombie-Britannique, 2000
- Ontario, 1993

- MA, Simon Fraser University, 1996
 - LLB, Université de Western Ontario, 1991
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