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Mark specializes in commercial, regulatory and government relations components of electricity and natural gas markets and with respect to municipal & regional water infrastructure renewal and expansion.

Mark has served as counsel to a broad range of stakeholders for over 25 years, including:

- municipal, provincial and national governments
- large industrial, institutional and commercial energy consumers
- local distribution and transmission companies
- a diverse range of electricity generators
- energy retailers
- out-of-province electricity importers
- energy regulators
- natural gas utilities
- water utilities
- decarbonization mandates

Within BLG, Mark is the Toronto Regional Co-Chair of the Electricity Markets Group and Chair of BLG Water Law.

## Experience

- Lead Counsel in over 30 electric distribution utility M&A transactions.
- Counsel to numerous Ontario and out-of-province electric utilities regarding distribution and transmission rate, leave to construct applications, and other regulatory and compliance matters, including Market Rules and the Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Transmitters and Distributors.
- Counsel to municipalities, First Nations and private sector clients regarding infrastructure renewal –including electricity distribution, transmission, natural gas system developments and implementation and water services. First to implement the Regulated Public Utility Model for water infrastructure renewal in Ontario.
- Broad commercial and regulatory experience in renewable generation and electricity conservation and demand management, including program development, smart meter implementation initiatives and integrated resource planning.

## Insights & Events

- Speaker, “Water Infrastructure Renewal: A Game Changing New Approach for Ontario Municipalities — The Public Regulated Utility Model,” 2019 Association of Municipalities Conference, August 20, 2019, Ottawa
- Author, "OEB Approved Merger creates the Second largest Municipally owned Electric LDC in North America," Energy Regulation Quarterly, March 2017
- Auteur, « The Fair Hydro Plan: "The Times They Are A Changing"... Again », article de BLG, mars 2017
- Auteur, « Ontario measures to encourage private investment into electricity distribution utilities », article de BLG, octobre 2024
- Auteur, « Energy planning and energy transition: 5 perspectives on Ontario's clean energy opportunity », article de BLG, février 2024
- Auteur, « Electrification and Energy Transition Panel Report: “energy transition” remains undefined », article de BLG, janvier 2024
- National Electricity Markets Trends 2020, vidéo de BLG, décembre 2020
- Contributor BLGs Energy Markets Bulletin
- Contributor Energy Law Quarterly

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Director, Logistec Corporation, Montreal
- Director, EMERA Nova Scotia Power, Halifax
- Director, The National Trust for Scotland (Canada)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, International Bar Association, Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law
- Co-chair, Northwind Electricity Forum
- Co-chair, Canadian Energy Law Forum
- Faculty Member, CAMPUT Energy Regulation Course, Queen's University

## Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2006) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Energy Regulatory Law, Energy), and recognized as "Toronto Energy Lawyer of the Year" in 2018
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2016) of *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Energy: Power and Energy: Provincial Regulatory and Litigation)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2013) of *Chambers Global — The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Energy: Power - Regulatory)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2013) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Energy – Electricity)
- Recognized lawyer in the 2025-2024-2023, 2020-2021, 2018 and 2013 editions of the *Lexpert® Special Edition on Infrastructure*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of the *Legal 500 Canada* as a Leading Lawyer (Energy & Natural Resources - Power).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2022) of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Energy)
- Recognized as a Lawyer of the Year in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Energy Law)
- Recognized in the 2013-2018 and 2020-2023-2025 editions of the *Lexpert® Report on Business Special Edition on Energy*
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2015) of *The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Energy – Electricity)
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2014) of *The Legal 500 Canada* (Energy: Power)
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of the *Lexpert®/ROB Special Edition – Canada's Leading Corporate Lawyers*
- Recipient, 2017 Energy Bear Award, Canadian Energy Law Forum

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1990
- LLB, Université de Windsor, 1988
- BA, Université de Toronto, 1985

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