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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 1981

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Providing legal services through a professional corporation.

Rob is an experienced advocate whose practice is focused on environmental, energy, corporate commercial litigation and administrative law. A fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, Rob helps clients understand the legal matters that concern them and maps out the most effective and efficient plan or approach.

In development projects, Rob provides strategic advice throughout the project life span from early conceptual project stages to final approvals, construction disputes, commissioning, operation and decommissioning. This advice includes approaches to early government interaction, community engagement and engagement with First Nations. He has acted as counsel in a wide variety of litigation before the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, private arbitration tribunals and the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB).

His practice includes:

- Acting as project manager for Nova Scotia Environment to draft omnibus environmental legislation for the provincial Environment Act
- Litigation of major commercial disputes, including energy and construction projects.
- Administrative tribunal work and appearances before the UARB on land use planning and development matters; expropriations; water, gas and electrical utility rate hearings; and hearings respecting municipal amalgamations and annexation.
- First Nations consultation, mutual benefits agreements and litigation respecting aboriginal rights.
- Litigation regarding property disputes and environmental matters
- Arbitrations, mediations and alternative dispute resolution.

Practice Areas

Aboriginal Rights
Construction
Energy
Environmental & Natural Resources
Health
Infrastructure
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Maritime & Transportation
Municipal
Professional Regulation & Misconduct
Real Property

Education & Career

Education

Dalhousie University, LL.B., 1980
Oxford University, B.A. (Jurisprudence), 1979 (Rhodes Scholar, Maritimes Region, 1977)
Harvard College, A.B. (magna cum laude), 1977

Activities

Member, Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA), 2023
Member, Canadian Centre for Environmental Arbitration and Mediation, 2017-present
Director, Urban Development Institute, 2004-present
Nova Scotia Round Table on Environmental and Sustainable Prosperity, 2007-present
Chairman, Halifax Grammar School, 2009-2012
Director, Halifax City Soccer Club, 1996-2009; chair, 2005-2009
Life member, Halifax City Soccer Club
Member, Partnership Board, Stewart McKelvey, 2010-2015
Trustee, IWK Health Centre Foundation, 1996-1998
Honourary trustee, IWK Health Centre Foundation, 1998
Secretary, Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee, Canadian Rhodes Scholars Foundation, Maritimes Region, 1989-2004
Trustee, Canadian Rhodes Scholars Foundation, 1989-2002
Member, Canadian Bar Association

Accolades

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 2009
King's Counsel, 1998
Best Lawyers 2021 Energy Regulatory Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Halifax

Best Lawyers 2020 Natural Resources Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
Best Lawyers 2019 Corporate and Commercial Litigation “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
Best Lawyers 2017 Energy Regulatory Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
Best Lawyers 2016 Bet-the-Company Litigation “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
Best Lawyers 2014 Natural Resources Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
Best Lawyers 2012 Energy Regulatory Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
Best Lawyers: Energy Regulatory Law, 2006, 2008-2023
Best Lawyers: Environmental Law, 2006, 2008-2023
Best Lawyers: Natural Resources Law, 2006, 2008-2023
Best Lawyers: Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2006, 2008-2023
Best Lawyers: Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2006, 2008-2023
Member, Lexpert/American Lawyer Media’s Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers, 2008, 2009 and 2012
Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (General Commercial, Energy), 2022
Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (General Commercial, Energy and Natural Resources) 2012-2014, 2017-2021
Lexpert rating: Energy (Electricity), 2010 – 2012, 2014 – 2022
Lexpert rating: Energy (Oil & Gas), 2008 – 2023
Lexpert rating: Environmental Law, 2010 – 2012, 2014 – 2017, 2020
Lexpert rating: Litigation – Commercial Insurance, 2013 – 2023
Lexpert rating: Litigation – Corporate Commercial, 2008 – 2012, 2014 – 2023
Lexpert rating: Litigation – Directors’ & Officers’ Liability, 2010 – 2008, 2012 – 2023
Lexpert rating: Property Development, 2012 – 2017
Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®
Chambers and Partners Canada 2022, 2023 Litigation: General Commercial – Atlantic Canada, Band 1 lawyer
Chambers and Partners, Litigation: General Commercial – Atlantic Canada, Band 1 lawyer
Who’s Who Legal: Global 2021 (Environment)
Who’s Who Legal: Canada 2012, 2014-2016 – 2021 (Environment)

Thought Leadership

Nova Scotia releases offshore wind roadmap

June 21, 2023

Federal Government introduces amendments to expand the mandates of the two historic Atlantic Accord Acts to include offshore wind energy

June 01, 2023

Publications

Standard of Review in Practice since Dunsmuir – Panelist, Canadian Bar Association: Mid-Winter Conference, February 2014

Regulatory Issues concerning Encana's Deep Panuke Project (2007) 30 Dal. L.J. 423

Potential for Performance-Based Regulation in the Canadian Offshore Oil and Gas Industry (with Will Moreira and David Henley) (2006) 44 Alta. L.Rev. 1

Drainage Issues in the Atlantic Canada Offshore Petroleum Industry (with Richard A. Neufeld) 2001 24 Dal. L.J. 127)

Remedies for Contaminated Property, Prepared for Interconnections & Complexities of Environmental Law, A joint presentation of the Continuing Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia and Dalhousie Law School

January 28, 2000

Emerging Issues in East Coast Oil and Gas Development, Presentation before the Lessons from Frontier Regions Conference, St. John's, Newfoundland, October 1998

Co-author of Chapter on Nova Scotia in Contaminated Property in Canada, Carswell, 1996

Introduction to Environmental Law, Presentation to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia, Professional Development Program, November 1994

Insurance Coverage for Environmental Risks, Canadian Institute, April 1994

Environmental Assessments, Canadian Institute, April 1994

Environmental Liability, Canadian Insurance Claims Managers Association, April 1994

Environmental Law in the Construction Context, Technical University of Nova Scotia, December 1993

Environmental Approvals in Nova Scotia, Canadian Institute, April 1993

Achieving Environmental Protection: An Industry Perspective, Canadian Bar Association Annual Meeting, Administrative/Environmental Law Section, 1992

Insurance Coverage for Underground and Above Ground Storage Tanks, Canadian Institute, June 1992

Waste Approvals in Atlantic Canada, Canadian Institute, June 1992

Contributor, Environmental Offences in Nova Scotia (Nova Scotia Department of the Environment), May 1992

Provincial Regulatory Procedures in Atlantic Canada, Symposium on Canadian Environmental Regulations and Issues in the Shore Zone convened by the Canadian Coastal Science and Engineering Association, October 1991

The Environmental Approval Process in Nova Scotia, Canadian Institute, October 1990

Judicial Review by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court of Administrative Tribunals, Continuing Legal Education, April 1990

Policy Limits and Claims over Policy Limits, Continuing Legal Education, March 1986

Presentations

Parttime Faculty, Dalhousie Law School, 1985 – 1989

Occasional Guest Lecturer in Environmental at Dalhousie Law School