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Mike specializes in litigation and arbitration with a focus on energy. He has very extensive trial experience in complex cases and represents clients with Canadian and worldwide interests in litigation, arbitration and regulatory proceedings.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

Representative experience includes:

- Royalty disputes
- Domestic and international commercial arbitration of energy disputes; political risk insurance disputes respecting distressed foreign assets
- Aboriginal disputes in an energy context, including constitutional issues involving aboriginal title and treaty rights
- Contract and joint venture disputes in oil & gas and oil sands matters
- Disputes respecting transportation, processing/upgrading, and marketing of oil and gas, bitumen and petrochemicals

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Mike is recognized as a leading corporate and commercial litigation lawyer including by:

- *Benchmark Canada: The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys - 2014 Edition* (recognizes Mike as a "Litigation Star" in "low profile but very high stakes arbitration proceedings")
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2014* (Appellate Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation and Director and Officer Liability)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mike is active in the legal community in many ways. He has past experience as a director and chairman of a Calgary-based charity and is currently a director of the Canadian Energy Law Foundation. He is also active with various national and international arbitration organizations and often speaks and writes in the public arena on a variety of issues.

EDUCATION

Admitted to the Bar of Alberta - 1989
LL.B., University of Victoria - 1988
B.A., University of Victoria - 1985