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SUMMARY

Julie Hopkins is Counsel at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) and a senior commercial litigator with over 20 years arbitration, litigation and administrative law experience. She assists clients with complex and technical disputes involving diverse issues such as oil & gas, insurance, corporate and constitutional law. She has extensive appellate experience.

Julie is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Member of the Canadian Roster for Dispute Settlement Panels under Chapter 19 (Trade Remedies) of the North American Free Trade Agreement. She sits as a grievance arbitrator and unjust dismissal adjudicator under the *Canada Labour Code*. For a number of years she was a Panel Chair of the Alberta Insurance Councils Appeal Board. She has also acted as agent for the Federal Crown in prosecuting offences under federal statutes including the *Income Tax Act* and *Excise Act*.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Provided Independent counsel to a Hearing Officer deciding issues related to the dismissal of a pediatric resident physician.
- Represented a joint venture owner in an arbitration of a dispute under a Joint Operating Agreement related to certain oil sands operations.
- Represented a Lloyd's insurer in a complex international commercial arbitration concerning construction insurance.
- Represented parties in a number of arbitrations of disputes under Power Purchase Arrangements established pursuant to the *Electric Utilities Act*.
- Represented the Seller in arbitration under a Purchase and Sale Agreement related to the sale of certain oil and gas properties.
- Represented an Operator in an arbitrations related to certain waterflood operations.
- Represented certain corporations in litigation concerning complicated issues of trust and corporate law arising out of an estate freeze.
- Represented a health authority in a judicial review of its decision to relocate an obstetrics ward outside of a small town hospital.
- Represented a pipeline company in various proceedings concerning whether its pipeline should be regulated as a gas utility.
- Represented the Government of Alberta in defending a *Charter* challenge to the soft-tissue injury cap.

EDUCATION, ARTICLES AND BAR ADMISSION

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2014

Admitted to Alberta Bar, 1994

Articled with Howard, Mackie (a predecessor firm to BLG) including a two month rotation at the Crown Prosecutors' Office in Calgary, 1993-1994.

Bachelor of Laws, University of Alberta, 1993

Bachelor of Arts (with Honours), University of Calgary, 1990

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Western Canada Commercial Arbitration Society

Secretary, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Canada Branch

Member, Canada Expedited Arbitration Panel, ICDR Canada

Mentor, Mentor Connect Program, Law Society of Alberta

Member, Insurance and Disaster Recovery Program Advisory Committee (Appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs to provide advice concerning disaster recovery assistance and insurance issues related to the 2013 flooding of Southern Alberta) (2014-2015)

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, "An Introduction to Decision-Making and Reasons for Decision," the Canadian Institute, 2005.

Co-Author, "Merrill Lynch Canada Inc. v. Soost: Alberta Court of Appeal Restates Principles Related to Damages for Wrongful Dismissal," Lexology, 2010.

INTERESTS

Julie enjoys running and travel. She and her family members are all avid skiers and she is a frequent volunteer at ski races in Alberta and British Columbia.

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