



Jessica Anderson

Partner

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Profile

Jessica channels a long-held passion for the environment into her legal work to make a positive impact for businesses, communities, and clients.

Naturally, Jessica's interest has directed her work towards legal matters surrounding natural resources law, including forestry and aquaculture, indigenous law, and environmental law amongst others. Jessica worked in-house for two of North America's biggest forest products companies and has significant experience in the business of forestry and in the general commercial matters that all businesses face.

Her recent work has involved representing forestry companies in the sale of forest tenure to Indigenous Nations in B.C., helping to strengthen the partnerships between her client and the purchasing Nation and to advance reconciliation by transferring control over forest resources to the Nation.

Services

- > Forestry law, including tenure management, attribution, log and residuals sales and purchases, replaceable and non-replaceable harvesting and road building, stumpage and pay-as-cut purchases and sales

- > Real property law (land leases, access agreements, rights of way, road and facility use agreements)
- > Resource development (forestry, aquaculture, energy)
- > Forest tenure sales and purchases
- > Impact Benefit Agreements and joint project agreements from both the resource developer and the Indigenous side
- > Environmental and regulatory law
- > General business (contract review and negotiation in all areas including leasing, purchasing, and sales, NDAs, consulting agreements)

Jessica is licensed to practice law in Washington state, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan allowing her to provide legal services to a diverse range of clients. Notably, one of the first major legal cases of Jessica's career was on US soil (and ocean). She was part of a team that represented the State of Louisiana in the Natural Resource Damages case against BP following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010.

Outside the office, Jessica enjoys getting out and appreciating the land and nature with her two young children. She's an avid hiker and trail runner, who has recently been dabbling in ultramarathons and met her husband hiking the 4,265 km-long Pacific Crest Trail.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Named to the Washington Rising Star List, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014, 2015 and 2016
- > Volunteer of the Year Award, King County Bar Association, 2013

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: Saskatchewan, 2023
- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2020
- > Call to Bar: Washington State, 2011
- > Juris Doctor, University of Colorado, 2011

External Publications

- > Contributing Editor, 2024 Re-Issue of the Forestry Chapter in Halsbury's Laws of Canada, 2024