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Profile

Infrastructure and condominiums. At first blush, these two areas of practice, which make up Allyson's primary areas of practice, would not appear to have very much in common with each other. However, what Allyson sees in both areas is a transformation of the way we live in British Columbia.

Work Highlights

Province of British Columbia

> Legal counsel to the Province regarding the procurement of the project contract and vehicles, as well as post completion matters, related to the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project, which commenced service in December 2016

Orgaworld Surrey Limited Partnership

> Legal counsel to Orgaworld Surrey Limited Partnership, the project company selected to design, build, finance, maintain and operate the Surrey Biofuel Processing Facility in Surrey, BC, a first of its kind facility in North America, which, when operational, will convert the municipality's organic waste into renewable natural gas and high end compost product

Hundreds of strata corporations and strata property managers throughout the Province of British Columbia

- > A myriad of issues affecting the operation of strata corporations
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With a straightforward approach and direct advice, Allyson's priority is helping clients move forward with their projects.

Infrastructure, Construction & Procurement Services

- > Procurement issues
- > Drafting P3, design-build, stipulated price and construction management contracts
- > Tendering and contract disputes
- > Project insurance matters
- > Design and construction deficiencies

Strata Property Services

- > Rights, powers and duties of strata corporations under the Strata Property Act
- > Windings up of strata corporations
- > Drafting and interpreting strata-related documents, including contracts, resolutions, bylaws and rules
- > Insurance claims
- > Strata governance

When working through these issues, Allyson tries to convert complex concepts into simplified terms, which allows our clients to make informed decisions that bring success. Even just a small tweak to language can be the key to avoid disputes. Her goal is to draft our clients' documents in a way that minimizes potential problems during the implementation of our clients' endeavours.

What makes Allyson different as a solicitor is that she also has 14 years of experience as a litigator. She has gone to court. She knows what is involved and what is at stake in going to trial. This gives our clients an advantage because she strategically advises them on options and helps them avoid costly litigation.

Since commencing practice in 1994, Allyson has seen many changes in how we live our lives in British Columbia and considers herself fortunate to have the opportunity to contribute to some of those changes.

Credentials

Industry involvement

- > Canadian Bar Association
- > Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships
- > Editor of the CLE Strata Property Act Practice Manual and author or co-author of the chapters regarding rentals, insurance, employment and duty to repair

Community commitments

- > Board member, Condominium Homeowners Association, since September 2004
- > Board member, Developmental Disabilities Association of Vancouver-Richmond, since November 2004

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 1994
- > Bachelor of Laws, University of British Columbia, 1993
- > Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biochemistry, Queen's University in Kingston 1989