



Megan Young

Associate

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Profile

Megan is a litigator in our Business Litigation group. She is a Cree woman and Band Member of the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation. Megan has a diverse litigation practice with a focus on commercial, environmental, Aboriginal and administrative law matters. Megan specializes in complex litigation matters relating to business disputes, environmental assessments of major projects, Aboriginal rights and title issues, regulatory matters, and administrative decision-making. Megan's advocacy includes representing clients before the Federal Court of Appeal, the British Columbia Supreme Court, and federal and provincial regulatory bodies. Megan is called in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Work Highlights

Proposed Loan Transaction Dispute

- > Represented the Defendants of the dispute and successfully set aside a default judgment of over \$140k on the basis that there was a "real possibility" that there was no legal basis for the loan transaction in question.

Negligent Misrepresentation Claim Regarding a Loan Agreement

- > Represented the Defendants who were served with a notice of civil claim. However, the

affidavit filed in support of the application for default judgment inadvertently referred to a service of demand letter as opposed to a service of the notice of civil claim.

- > Successfully argued that the default judgment should be set aside due to a failure to file proof of service with an application for the default judgment, even if the Defendant had been properly served.

Judicial Review Regarding an Application to Vary a Monetary Penalty

- > Acted as counsel to the respondent of the application and successfully upheld the original decision of the British Columbia Safety Standards Appeal Board, saving the client over \$30,000 in additional monetary penalties.

Additional work highlights below

Megan takes her time to understand and effectively communicate the challenges, goals, and perspectives of her clients and reinforces her case with an astute understanding of the technical and practical application of relevant laws.

Before her law career, she held several business strategy and development roles. These experiences give Megan a first-hand understanding of the business opportunities, risks, and challenges that our clients can face.

Services

- > Indigenous Rights, and Title Litigation
- > Community engagement
- > Cumulative impacts litigation
- > Commercial Litigation
- > Energy and Natural Resources
- > Administrative and Public Law

Credentials

Industry Involvement

- > Canadian Bar Association, member, 2017 - Present
- > Law Society of British Columbia, member, 2017 - Present

Community Commitments

- > Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, band member

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2017
- > University of British Columbia, Juris Doctor (J.D.), 2016
- > University of Alberta, Bachelor of Arts, 2013

Additional Work Highlights

Defaulted Lease Agreement Concerning Drilling Equipment

- > Acted as counsel for the Plaintiff, who leased drilling equipment to the Defendant. Successfully obtained a summary judgment against the Defendant and an award of special costs against a non-party representative of the Defendant.

Judicial Review of Proposed Energy Project on First Nations Land

- > Acted as co-counsel for the Nation and successfully overturned a decision made by the Governor in Council to approve a major energy project on the Nation's land. The case was based on the failure to adequately consult with the Nation and address the impact of the project on the Nation's Aboriginal rights and title.

Aboriginal Land Title Claim

- > Acted as co-counsel for the Nation in this case which raised issues regarding the balance to be sought between procedures for taking evidence under the British Columbia Supreme Court Civil Rules.
- > The court ruled that the Nation's elders could present deposition evidence as a panel in accordance with their customs.