

Railway

The railway sector is complex, making a multidisciplinary legal team with business, regulatory and compliance experience essential. This includes a firm understanding of the operation of, and key contacts within, federal and provincial regulatory agencies. Increasing pressures from consolidation, competitors, new technology and disruptors mean that rail carriers must keep a watchful eye on future challenges and legal issues.

Experience

- Advise clients in claims involving rail carriers and property damage, cargo and business losses, delay, and the applicability of rail tariffs.
- Advise clients in disputes regarding rights to install and maintain utilities and services on rail corridors, and negotiating related agreements.
- Advocate before the Canada Transportation Agency (CTA) and Transport Canada (TC) regarding investigations and orders related to rail carriers, rail lines and related matters and incidents.
- Advise on project and procurement planning, and negotiate agreements for implementing new rail transit systems, including procurement structure and process matters, all procurement documents, and the regulatory planning and approvals process involving agencies at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.
- City of Ottawa, Stage 2 Transit Project: land assembly including expropriations, municipal and railway regulatory advice, and negotiating complex agreements with public authorities, crown corporations, educational institutions and private sector property owners. The Stage 2 Rail Transit Project is a \$3.6 billion investment.

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