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Julie represents clients operating in various sectors of the economy, supporting them in all the areas of environmental compliance, government relations and obtaining or amending permits and licences. Thanks to her considerable experience with project implementation, especially renewable energy (hydroelectric, wind power, solar, biomass, biogas and hydrogen) projects, Julie plays a key role at all stages of the projects, from contract negotiation and financing, to project authorization and the securing of environmental permits.

She also acts as an environmental advisor in transactions involving purchase and sale of businesses or real estate in terms of compliance and licensing, as well as negotiating environmental guarantees and compensation. In addition, she has a particular expertise in contaminated land management.

Before returning to private practice, Julie was the director of legal affairs and operations with a large producer of renewable energy. In performing her duties, she was required to manage complex projects, identify business and legal issues involved and carry out risk assessments.

Over the years, Julie has become an excellent advisor in the areas of risk management, environmental compliance and obligations related to lobbying activities both in Québec and nationwide.

## Experience

- BLG acted as Canadian counsel for PE-backed Atlanta-based buyer, East West Manufacturing, LLC in its acquisition of all the assets of Groupe Varitron, Inc., a top 5 electronic manufacturing services (EMS) provider in Canada.
- Acted for Triple M Metal in its joint venture with ArcelorMittal Long Products Canada to create Integrated Metal Recycling Inc
- Represented hydroelectric power station owners in their negotiations with Hydro-Québec and in obtaining or renewing their hydroelectric power leases with the government departments concerned.
- Conducted a due diligence review and provided specialized advice regarding the overall financing of some US \$1.1 G, for Nemaska Lithium Inc., for its Whabouchi lithium mine and its electrochemical plan in Shawinigan.
- Acted in a 100 MW wind power project in the Montérégie (from its development phase to securing permits to construction and start-up).
- Acted in the modernization of the (26 MW) Bromptonville Biomass Cogeneration Plant (preparing the call for tenders, amending permits, signing of the new contract with Hydro-Québec and financing).
- Acted in a matter involving increasing by 16 MW the capacity of a biogas facility (from the complete impact study process, up to and including the obtaining of the decree, including a mediation with governmental authorities).

## Insights & Events

- Can you dig it? Recent changes to regulating excess soils in British Columbia, Ontario and Québec, BLG Article, April 2022
- Québec enters complex low carbon fuel crediting field, BLG Article, February 2022
- Hydro-Québec seeks approval for renewable energy tenders, BLG Article, September 2021
- Environmental obligations and compliance during the COVID-19 pandemic: A Canadian comparison, BLG Article, February 2021
- COVID-19 and your environmental obligations – Cross-country update, BLG Article, April 2020
- COVID-19 and your environmental obligations, BLG Article, March 2020
- Speaker, “Évaluation d’impact environnemental de projets et consultation autochtone : quoi de neuf?,” Canadian Bar Association, November 13, 2019
- Speaker, Annual Colloquium of the Association québécoise de la production d’énergie renouvelable (AQPER), February 5-6, 2019
- Author, "Two Takes on Modernization: A comparison between Bill C-69 and recent amendments to Quebec's Environment Quality Act," Key Developments in Environmental Law 2018, Thomson Reuters

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Presenter and Moderator, Cercles d’enrichissement (professional enrichment groups) of the Association des femmes en finance du Québec (AFFQ)
- Member and director, Association québécoise de la production d’énergie renouvelable (AQPER)
- Member, comité énergie et environnement (energy and environment committee) of the Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec (FCCQ)

## Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* as 'Lawyer of the Year' and in 2022-2021 for (Energy Regulatory Law)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Energy (Electricity))
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Women of Distinction Award, WiRE (Women in Renewable Energy), 2017

## Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2004
- Université de Montréal, 2002

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