

Environment in the Courtroom: Protection of the Marine Environment

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Peter Cullen is a partner in the Montréal office of Stikeman Elliott LLP's Commercial Litigation Section and a member of the firm's national insurance, energy and arbitration practice groups. His practice covers the corporate, alternative dispute resolution and litigation aspects of commercial insurance, trade and transportation matters. He acts for leading shipping interests in Canada (in commercial transactions and dispute resolution matters) as well as protection and indemnity associations and domestic and foreign insurers, including members of Lloyd's and other London Market insurers.

Mr. Cullen is a member of the International Bar Association (in the insurance, arbitration and transportation practice areas), the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the London Court of International Arbitration, and is listed on the International Arbitration Panel of the Canadian Council for International Business, the Canadian affiliate of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Canadian Maritime Law Association (President 2003-2005, Board Member 1998-2007) and a Titulary Member of the *Comité Maritime International* (member of the International Working Group on Polar Shipping and Audit Committee).

Mr. Cullen holds degrees in both civil and common law (McGill University) and is a member of the Barreau du Québec (1981) and the Law Society of Upper Canada (1990). He has been recognized in leading publications for his work in dispute resolution, international commercial arbitration, insurance and maritime law.

Shanti Dogra

Mr. Dogra is General Counsel with the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board and is a member of the Board's management team. In addition to acting as legal counsel, he advises on policy and regulatory development. Mr. Dogra has been practicing law in Nova Scotia since 1995, predominantly in government in the areas of energy, health and safety, and environment.

Suzanne Lalonde

Suzanne Lalonde is a professor of International Law and the Law of the Sea at the Law Faculty of the University of Montreal and a research associate with the ArcticNet network of excellence in Canada. She holds a PhD in Public International Law from the University of Cambridge, King's College obtained in 1997 under the supervision of Professor James Crawford. Her current research focuses on core international legal principles, especially those pertaining to sovereignty and the determination of boundaries on land and at sea, with a particular emphasis on the Arctic. She is the Canadian member of the International Law Association Committee currently investigating State practice in relation to straight baselines.

Catherine LeBlanc

Catherine LeBlanc is an Associate in the Moncton Office of Stewart McKelvey. She practices in the areas of regulatory/administrative law and commercial litigation. With a background in both civil engineering and law, Catherine has developed an analytical approach to solving legal problems, which allows her to deconstruct a complex matter and create a practical and cohesive solution. She has assisted with matters pertaining to the National Energy Board and the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board and has also assisted businesses and municipalities with legislative and regulatory compliance matters. Catherine is a graduate of Université de Moncton (B. Eng. (civil), 2012 and J.D., 2015) and was called to the New Brunswick bar in 2016.

Heather McCready

Heather McCready is the Director General of Environmental Enforcement at Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). Her experience at ECCC also includes Senior Advisor to the Chief Enforcement Officer, Manager of Operations Support, and Regulatory Analyst. She recently concluded a special assignment, leading to the modernization of the Intelligence Program at ECCC. Prior to her career as a public servant, Heather was an attorney at Ropes & Gray, LLP in Boston, where her practice focused on private equity transactions.

Heather is a graduate of McGill University with degrees in Common Law, Civil Law, and Political Science. While at McGill, Heather was the Editor in Chief of the *McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law & Policy*. In 2013 she participated in the Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement Agencies program, an Executive Education course at the Harvard Kennedy School.

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Will Moreira is a partner in the Halifax, Nova Scotia office of Stewart McKelvey. He has practiced for more than 35 years in Admiralty and commercial litigation and public law litigation, appearing before all levels of court in Nova Scotia, the Federal Court, the Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada, and serving as counsel and as an arbitrator in domestic and international arbitrations. Will is former president (2005-2007) of the Canadian Maritime Law Association, former Chair of the Canadian Bar Association's national maritime law section, a titular member of Comité Maritime International, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and former Chair of the Maritime and Energy Law Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel. He is co-editor of *Canadian Maritime Law, 2d Ed* (Toronto: Irwin Law 2016). He is a part-time faculty member in the Marine and Environmental Law Institute of Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law and a former Chair of the Mission to Seafarers, Halifax.

Magdalena A.K. Muir

Magdalena A.K. Muir, B.A., J.D., LL.M, is a Research Associate with Arctic Institute of North America at the University of Calgary, with research and writings implemented in collaboration with academic institutions, governments, industry and northern communities. From 2014 onwards, she has delivered modules on economic development, environmental and socio-cultural issues in the northern and circumpolar region for the Aboriginal Relations Leadership Certificate Program, which is managed by the University's Career Services in consultation with the Native Centre. Since 2004, Ms. Muir is Advisory Board Member, Climate and Global Change with the Coastal and Marine Union (EUCC), leading engagement on climate impacts, adaptation and mitigation for Europe's coastal and marine areas, with a strategic focus on the Arctic and regional seas. Since 2011, Ms. Muir is Adjunct Professor at Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC in the Masters of Science: Energy Policy and Climate program at the Zanyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. From 2012 to 2014, Ms. Muir was appointed as Associate Professor with the Aarhus School of Business and Social Sciences, Aarhus University in Herning, Denmark, and affiliated with the Arctic Research Centre and Nordic Centre of Excellence for Nordic Strategic Adaptation Research (NCoE NORD-STAR). From 2013 to 2014, Ms. Muir was awarded a

Fulbright Scholarship as Adjunct Associate Researcher with the Columbia Climate Center in the Earth Institute at Columbia University in New York City; and as a Visiting Scholar with the Center for Carbon-free Power Integration and Mangone Center for Marine Policy in the College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment at the University of Delaware.

Linda Nowlan

Linda Nowlan has worked as a public interest environmental lawyer for over twenty years and is currently Staff Counsel with West Coast Environmental Law. She has also held positions as Director, Pacific Conservation with WWF-Canada, Faculty Research Associate with the UBC Program on Water Governance, and litigation lawyer with Singleton Urquhart in Vancouver. Linda has served on the Board of the Fraser Basin Council, the Mayor of Vancouver's Greenest City Action Team, and the Council of Canadian Academies Expert Panel on Groundwater, among other public service positions. She is a member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law and a Fellow of LEAD International. She has a law degree from the University of Toronto Law School, and a M.A. in international law and policy from the Fletcher School, Tufts University.

Peter Pamel

Peter Pamel is a partner in the Montréal office of Borden Ladner Gervais and practises exclusively in the area of Maritime law. He acts as counsel to numerous shipowners, ship operators, charterers and shipping lines in Canada and around the world. Recognized internationally by the foremost legal rankings publications as a leading practitioner in the area of maritime law in Canada, Mr. Pamel is regularly appointed by P&I and FD&D Clubs, as well as H&M underwriters and regularly advises in the areas of casualty investigations, charter party disputes, defence claims, arrest of vessels, regulatory and environmental compliance, vessel sale and finance, and general commercial activity involving marine property. Fluent in English, French and Greek, Mr. Pamel represents clients at all levels of our judiciary, including the Supreme Court of Canada and the Federal Court of Appeal. He is a leader in Arctic shipping, and is Marine Transportation Segment Leader for BLG's Team North® as well as Chair of the Canadian Maritime Law Association's Arctic Issues Committee.

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Christopher J. Stewart is a Partner with Stewart McKelvey working from their Moncton Office. He practices principally in the areas of regulatory/administrative law with emphasis on energy matters.

Chris has represented petroleum retailers/producers and forestry companies with respect to petroleum, natural gas and shipping matters. He has also represented clients with respect to wind generation project development, operation and financing as well as regulatory matters for various clients with respect to the acquisition, regulation and operation of hydro generating assets.

Chris has provided advice and representation to various clients with respect to their applications for regulatory approval on a broad spectrum of regulatory matters. He has appeared as counsel before the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on behalf of natural gas marketers and ratepayers in connection with local gas distribution matters and on behalf of large industrial ratepayers and merchant generators at electrical rate hearings. He has also appeared before the National Energy Board on pipeline development matters.

Chris is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick (B.Ed. (Hons.), 1986 and LL.B., 1989) and he was called to the New Brunswick bar in 1990.

Aaron Ward

Aaron Ward, BSc, J.D., is a Toronto-based Staff Lawyer with Ecojustice, Canada's only national environmental law charity. During his legal education at The Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University ('11), Aaron worked for EcoSecurities, an Oxford, UK, company which specialized in carbon credit offset and development. He also authored papers on electricity regulation and completed regulatory research for the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

Aaron articulated at Wickwire Holm, a law firm in Halifax. He accepted a position at the same firm in 2012, where he practiced as an associate in the litigation group and served as Vice Chair of the Environmental, Energy, & Resources Section of the Canadian Bar Association -- Nova Scotia Branch.

Aaron served as a Director of East Coast Environmental Law (ECELAW) from 2013-2015 and then as Executive Director from 2015 until September, 2016. At ECELAW, Aaron worked to advance strategic priorities including environmental law reform and education, expanding organizational capacity, and building regional environmental law expertise. During Aaron's tenure at ECELAW, he published materials and presented on various topics including (among others): environmental rights, aquaculture, international trade, forestry, environmental justice, and mining.

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Daniel is a part-time faculty member at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University, where he teaches Oil & Gas Law. He is a director and secretary of the Eastern Admiralty Law Association and a member of the Canadian Maritime Law Association, where he sits on the Ports and Harbours and Fisheries Committees. Daniel is a director of the Oceans Governance Training Foundation. He is also the vice-chair of Bridgeway Academy, a non-profit private school for kids with learning disabilities.

Robert Wilkins

Robert Wilkins (Honours B.A., History 1968 (Loyola College, Montreal); B.C.L. 1972 (McGill University)), worked for the federal civil service and then for Catholic Church organizations in the late 1960's and early 1970's. After admission to the Barreau du Québec in 1978, he became assistant city clerk and then city clerk for the City of Westmount, Quebec (1978-1990), and then served as research assistant to the late Prof. William Tetley, Professor of Maritime Law at McGill University (1990-2007). In 2007, he joined the Maritime Law Group at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP in Montreal, where he acted as a research lawyer until becoming a "retired advocate" in 2016. He now acts primarily as a legal translator at BLG and is also Secretary-Treasurer of The Canadian Maritime Law Association.