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Chris' counsel to clients in the infrastructure, energy and oil and gas sectors is backed by deep experience and industry background, bringing knowledge and perspective to clients' corporate and commercial priorities, strategies and objectives.

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Overview

Chris guides oil and gas and power companies through a wide range of their commercial projects and transactions. He regularly works with clients in their acquisitions and divestitures of energy assets, as well as the full spectrum of energy project development, from joint ventures, construction, operation and maintenance to logistics and transportation, processing and marketing arrangements as they relate to LNG, oil sands, shale gas and power projects.

Chris' industry experience includes a business background working with various oil and gas companies, giving him market insight and a commercial mindset.



His technical legal skills are excellent.'

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Featured Work

Ridley Island Energy Export Facility

Torys acted as counsel to AltaGas in its joint venture with Royal Vopak for the phased development of the Ridley Island Energy Export Facility, a large-scale LPG and bulk liquids terminal with marine infrastructure on Ridley Island, British Columbia, including the negotiation of joint venture agreements, long-term supply and offtake agreements, dock berthing arrangements and operating and maintenance services agreements

Pembina offtake from Wild Rose 2 Wind Farm

Torys acted as counsel to Pembina Pipeline in the preparation and issuance of a call for power and renewable energy credits and the negotiation of a long-term power purchase agreement with a subsidiary of Capstone Infrastructure Corporation for the offtake of 105 MW and associated renewable energy credits from the proposed 192 MW Wild Rose 2 Wind Farm located in southeastern Alberta

Sale of the Heartland Petrochemical Complex central utility block

Torys acted as counsel to Inter Pipeline in its sale of the Heartland Petrochemical Complex's central utility block, a 102 MW natural gas-powered cogeneration facility located near Edmonton, Alberta, to Fengate Capital Management, including the negotiation of a long-term agreement to supply electricity, steam and other key utilities to the Heartland Complex

InPlay Oil in its C\$301 million acquisition of Cardium light oil focused assets in the Pembina area of Alberta from Obsidian Energy Ltd. and certain of its affiliates

TotalEnergies in the C\$1.468 billion sale of its Canadian operations, including its 31.23% interest in the Fort Hills oil sands project in northern Alberta, to Suncor Energy Inc.

Tidewater in the C\$650 million sale of its Pipestone natural gas plant, Pipestone natural gas plant expansion project, Dimsdale natural gas storage facility, and associated gathering and other infrastructure to AltaGas Ltd.

AltaGas in the C\$1.1 billion sale of its Alaska utilities business to TriSummit Utilities Inc.

Wolf Midstream in connection with the proposed development of a carbon sequestration hub east of Edmonton, Alberta, following its successful bid with partners Whitecap Resources Inc., the First Nation Capital Investment Partnership and Heart Lake First Nation under the Government of Alberta's RFPP process

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Recognition and Awards

2017-2025 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in energy: oil and gas (transactional)

2011-2025 *Chambers Global*—Leading lawyer in energy: oil and gas (transactional) and energy: power (transactional)

2019-2025 *The Legal 500*—Leading partner in energy and natural resources: oil and gas

2010-2025 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in corporate law, energy law, natural resources law and oil and gas law

2021-2024 *Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*—Leading practitioner in corporate commercial law

2012-2023 *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*—Leading lawyer in corporate commercial law, mergers & acquisitions, energy: oil & gas and energy: electricity

Insights

Private power purchase agreements: recent trends and developments

We discuss how PPAs help buyers offset emissions, access tax credits, and provide other opportunities amid ongoing efforts to reach net zero.

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Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LLB, 1997

University of Calgary

BA (Political Science), 1993

University of Calgary

Bar Admissions

Alberta, 1998