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**Keith Bergner** is a partner with Lawson Lundell LLP. He represents clients in the areas of Aboriginal law, constitutional law and regulatory/energy law. Keith has appeared before numerous regulatory tribunals and all levels of Superior, Federal and Appellate Courts in Canada, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

Keith's practice focuses on advising governments and private sector clients on regulatory and Aboriginal law matters, with a particular emphasis on the North. After beginning his legal practice in Vancouver, Keith moved north to anchor Lawson Lundell's office in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories from 1999 to 2002. He has continued to devote a significant portion of his practice to northern issues since returning to Vancouver in 2003. A recent project involves advising the NWT territorial government in relation to the Mackenzie Gas Project application currently pending before the National Energy Board.

Within the area of Aboriginal law, Keith has been involved in numerous matters regarding Aboriginal rights and title claims. Keith advises governments, Crown Corporations and private sector clients regarding the extent of the duty of consultation and compensation for infringement of Aboriginal rights or title by major industrial projects. Keith regularly advises BC Hydro in respect of Aboriginal consultation requirements for generation or transmission projects. Keith also represents project proponents and governments in appeals and judicial reviews challenging project approvals or permitting decisions.

In the area of regulatory/energy law, Keith has been involved in a number of significant regulatory hearings and alternative dispute resolution processes for oil and gas, electricity (both generation and transmission) and mining projects. Keith appears regularly before numerous administrative tribunals including the National Energy Board, the British Columbia Utilities Commission, the Alberta Utilities Commission (formerly the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board) and the NWT Public Utilities Board. Keith also acts as counsel on appeals or applications seeking judicial review of decisions by administrative boards and tribunals.

Keith is a regular speaker at conferences on Aboriginal and regulatory/energy law, including, recently, the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, the BC Law Society's Continuing Legal Education program and Yellowknife's Geoscience Forum..

### **Bar Admissions**

British Columbia (1997)

Northwest Territories (2000)

Nunavut (2000)

### **Education**

McGill University (B.A. Honours, 1990)

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