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✦ Profile

Shawn Denstedt is a partner in the environmental law group at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP.

Shawn's practice is focused on environmental, regulatory and aboriginal law issues and includes work experience for a variety of clients, including oil and gas companies, mining companies, banks, underwriters, chemical companies, forestry companies and utilities.

Shawn has appeared in major regulatory proceedings before the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, the National Energy Board, Federal Environmental Assessment Joint Review Panels, the Ontario Energy Board, the Alberta Environmental Appeal Board and various municipal development appeal boards. Some of Shawn's major experience includes:

- ✦ Successfully representing clients in regulatory and environmental assessment proceedings for the development of multi-billion dollar offshore energy projects, multi-billion dollar mining, processing and upgrading projects, and major energy, pipeline and chemical facilities;
- ✦ Defending clients charged with environmental offences;
- ✦ Working with clients to develop environmental policies and management systems;
- ✦ Advising clients on aboriginal rights and negotiating resource development agreements and impact benefit agreements with First Nations and Métis settlements;
- ✦ Appeared as an expert witness on the environmental assessment process.

Mr. Denstedt was named one of Canada's top environmental lawyers in Lexpert's The 2003 Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada as well as being recognized in Euromoney's IFLR 1000: The Guide to the World's Leading International Business Law Firms as an expert in environmental law in 2003.

✦ Professional Memberships & Activities

- ✦ Published numerous articles and lectures extensively on environmental assessment and regulatory proceedings, public consultation and risk communication, lender liability for operators in the mining and oil and gas industries and fiduciary duties in the commercial setting.
- ✦ Co-editor of Carswell's Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act publication.
- ✦ Author of the Energy and Utilities Board section of Carswell's Alberta Environmental Law Service.
- ✦ Member of Law Society of Alberta, Law Society of Upper Canada and the Canadian Bar Association

✦ Education

- ✦ Admitted to the Alberta Bar – 1989
- ✦ Admitted to the LSUC - 1993
- ✦ LL.B., University of Western Ontario - 1988