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✦ Profile

Shelley O'Callaghan is the head of Bull, Housser & Tupper's Environmental Law Group and is recognized as a leading practitioner in environmental law in The Canadian Legal L'EXPERT Directory 2004.

Shelley advises utility, municipal, industrial, financial, development and resource sector clients on a broad range of environmental matters. This includes providing advice on the acquisition and divestiture of industrial sites, monitoring environmental audits and site assessments, managing of contaminated sites remediation processes, advising lenders, receivers and trustees on liability issues and handling negotiations with provincial and federal regulatory authorities. She has presented numerous seminars on environmental issues of concern to industry and is the editor of the firm's Environmental Brief.

Shelley has significant experience in advising both the public and private sector on the environmental review processes required for major projects in British Columbia, including public-private partnerships. Shelley is currently acting for the Province of British Columbia on the environmental assessment process for the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project and the Richmond Airport Vancouver Rapid Transit Project.

Shelley has acted as counsel for parties participating in mediation and arbitration processes, including the settlement of disputes between current and former landowners relating to the liability for contaminated sites and between insurers and insureds concerning coverage for cost of remediation of contaminated sites.

Shelley assists corporations with the implementation of environment management systems and provides advice to senior management and boards of directors in respect of environmental liability and the defence of due diligence. She has been involved in the decommissioning and remediation of several major industrial sites in the lower mainland and the negotiation of indemnities for reclamation obligations with federal regulatory authorities.

Shelley's clients include maritime, forestry, mining and other natural resource sector companies, companies from the petrochemical and manufacturing industries, steel manufacturers, the energy sector, major banking institutions, real estate developers, municipalities and provincial and federal government ministries.

✦ Professional Memberships & Activities

- Contributor, chapter on "Canadian Law, Environmental Law in Asia and the Pacific Rim," Sweet & Maxwell Asia, 2001
- Contributor, Annual Review of Environmental Law, Continuing Legal Education Society, 1995-96, 1996-97
- Member, Vancouver Board of Trade, 1992 to present
- Chair, Task Force on the Environment, Vancouver Board of Trade, 1993-94
- Member, Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

✦ Education

- 1987, Called to the British Columbia Bar
- 1985, LL.B., University of Calgary