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Nardia's practice focuses on environmental and Aboriginal law, including corporate compliance and due diligence, and litigation matters. She has experience with provincial and federal environmental and regulatory regimes, permitting, environmental assessments and appeals, the remediation of contaminated sites and federal regulatory prosecutions. She also regularly provides strategic advice and support to clients regarding their engagement with Indigenous groups, including the negotiation of various commercial agreements with First Nations. Nardia's experience includes work in a wide range of industries, including the energy, mining, manufacturing, aquaculture and forestry sectors.

### SELECT EXPERIENCE

- Advising various mining companies regarding the negotiation of capacity funding agreements, exploration agreements and impact benefit agreements with Indigenous groups, including First Nations with unresolved claims, historic treaties, and modern land claim agreements
- Providing strategic advice and support to a major international pipeline company on its engagement with multiple Indigenous groups, including negotiating and drafting capacity funding agreements, letters of intent and impact benefit agreements
- Advising a large energy corporation concerning a dispute with a multi-community Indigenous People concerning a historic settlement agreement and recent impacts resulting from the operation of a complex energy system
- Advising various companies on international standards as they relate to Aboriginal issues in Canada, including the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*
- Leading the environmental and Aboriginal due diligence for an energy company in the successful acquisition of four operating renewable energy facilities, including three run-of-river hydro facilities and one wind facility
- Successfully representing a run-of-river hydro project in an appeal to the Environmental Appeal Board regarding a water licence
- Representing various clients in prosecuting and defending claims for clean-up costs associated with contaminated sites
- Advising manufacturing and service-based industries on the product stewardship plan requirements for recycling used oil, packaging and printed paper
- Advising an energy company on a range of environmental issues during the construction of a large-scale energy project, including environmental assessment certificate compliance, remediation and restoration

obligations, and wildlife and protected species management

- Representing clients in various industries in the defence and resolution of regulatory charges

## **PUBLICATIONS**

[Co-author: B.C. Strengthens Protections for Heritage Sites, Introduces Mandatory Reporting Requirements](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Infrastructure, March 14, 2019.

[Co-author: Ontario, B.C. Release New Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plans](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Environmental Law, December 10, 2018.

[Co-author: Canada Details Federal Carbon Pricing System in Face of Increasing Opposition](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Environmental Law, October 26, 2018

[Co-author: Expert Panel's Recommendations to Increase the Number, Cost and Timing of Federal Environmental Assessments](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Environmental Law, April 13, 2017.

[Co-author: B.C. Court of Appeal Denies Class Certification of Environmental Nuisance Claim](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Class Actions, February 21, 2017.

[Co-author: B.C.'s Updated Climate Action Plan: What You Need to Know, What's in, and Whats Been Left Out](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Environmental Law, August 29, 2016

[Co-author: Northern Gateway Project Approval Quashed Due to Inadequate Consultation](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Aboriginal Law, Energy - Regulatory, and Environmental, July 4, 2016.

## **PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCES**

[Panellist: What Lies Beneath – Recognizing and Managing Risks with Contaminated Land](#)

Blakes' Professional Development Course Lunch and Learn Series, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 25, 2017.

[Speaker: Social Licence: Progress or Undermining Legal Process](#)

Annual Legal Update, Environmental Managers Association of BC, Vancouver, British Columbia, January 19, 2017.

## **EDUCATION**

Admitted to the British Columbia Bar - 2015

B.C.L./LL.B., McGill University - 2014

Bachelor of International Business, Carleton University - 2008