

Allison Sears

Partner | Energy and Environmental Regulatory Law

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Senior private practice lawyer with extensive experience advising clients on complex energy and environmental regulatory matters. Regularly appears before administrative tribunals including the Alberta Utilities Commission, Alberta Energy Regulator, the Environmental Appeals Board of Alberta, and the Canada Energy Regulator, in relation to project approvals, rate regulation and tariff matters, and power market issues. Also regularly appears before the courts in Judicial Reviews and Statutory Appeals of administrative decisions. Recognized for practical advice and strong oral and written advocacy in complex regulatory matters.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Partner Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Calgary, Alberta	2018-Present
Regional Co-leader of Fasken's Global Energy and Climate Group	
Instructor University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta	2023-2025
Administrative Law 503, Foreign Trained Lawyers Program	
Senior Counsel Stikeman Elliott LLP, Calgary, Alberta	2013-2018
Associate Bennett Jones LLP, Calgary, Alberta	2005-2013
Articling Student Bennett Jones LLP, Calgary, Alberta	2004-2005
Summer Student Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Calgary, Alberta	2003

EDUCATION

LL.M. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON	2018
LL.B., with Distinction University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK	2004
B.F.A., magna cum laude York University, Toronto, ON	2000

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Admitted to the Law Society of Alberta, 2005
- Canadian Bar Association
- Calgary Bar Association
- Association of Women Lawyers
- Southern Alberta Women's Hockey Association

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ["The Alarm Bell is Sounding and the Regulator is at the Door: Emergency Response, Reporting, and Investigations in the Age of Heightened Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement"](#), 55:2 Alberta Law Review 367 (2017).

- [“In Defence of the Due Diligence Defence: A Look at Strict Liability as *Sault Ste. Marie* Turns Forty in the Age of Administrative Monetary Penalties”](#), Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (2018).

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Canadian Bar Association, Natural Resources Section (South), Executive, 2015-2017, 2022-present
- One Yellow Rabbit Theatre, Board of Directors, Vice-Chair, 2023-present
- Canadian Energy Law Foundation, Board of Directors, 2016-2024
- Fairytales Film Festival, Board of Directors, 2009-2011
- Calgary Legal Guidance, Volunteer Lawyer, 2019-present

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Lexpert, Recognized in Energy (Electricity) (2021-present), Energy (Oil and Gas) (2021-present), Environmental Law (2023-present), Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) (2024-present)
- Lexpert’s Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers (Electricity), 2026
- Chambers, Environmental Law (Nationwide), 2027
- Best Lawyers, Recognized in Energy Regulatory Law, 2024-present
- Chambers, “Up and Coming” Lawyer in Energy: Provincial Regulatory & Litigation (Alberta), 2018

LANGUAGES

- English and French