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Expertise

- Aboriginal
- Mining
- Cannabis
- Regulatory

Biography

Sandra Gogal (she/her/hers) is a partner in the Aboriginal Law Group at Cassels. A strategic thinker and trusted advisor to resource developers, investors, governments and agencies on matters relating to Aboriginal and environmental law, Sandra has a nationally recognized practice with extensive regulatory experience in mining, hydro-electric, nuclear, forestry, and oil and gas.

Sandra has a combined 25+ years experience in-house with the Government of Ontario and in private practice - providing strategic legal advice to clients in the resource sector across Canada on matters relating to Aboriginal rights and consultation, environmental assessments, permitting and government relations. An astute negotiator, she has navigated several successful commercial arrangements, settlements, impact and benefit agreements, and partnerships between industry and First Nations on major Canadian hydro-electric projects, pipelines, and mining projects.

In addition, Sandra offers expertise in cannabis law, including legislative drafting, regulatory compliance and licensing. As a subject matter expert, she provides legal and strategic advice to local, national and international companies and governments across the industry.

Sandra is recognized as a leader in her field by *Best Lawyers in Canada* and *Chambers Global*. She has published and continues to be a frequent presenter on emerging Aboriginal, environmental, and cannabis law at conferences in Canada and internationally.

Prior to joining Cassels, Sandra served as a partner in the Toronto office of another national firm, where she previously led the Aboriginal Law Group and forged the firm's new Cannabis Law Group in 2013. Sandra has also completed training with the Canadian Board Diversity Council, received her Mining Law Certificate from Osgoode Hall Law School, and completed the Harvard Program on Negotiation in 2012.

Achievements

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Aboriginal; Environmental)
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Lawyer of the Year (Aboriginal, Toronto) (2015)
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Aboriginal)
- *Chambers Canada* (Aboriginal)
- *Chambers Global* (Aboriginal)

Insights

- Aboriginal and Regulatory Law: 2021 Update (Cassels Webinar)

Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B., Dalhousie University, 1991
- B.A., Memorial University of Newfoundland, 1988
- Newfoundland, 1992
- Ontario, 2005

Associations

- Canadian Aboriginal Minerals Association, Member
- Canadian Bar Association, Aboriginal Law Section, Past Chair; Alternative Dispute, Aboriginal, and Environmental, Energy and Resource Law Sections, Executive Section
- Conference Board of Canada, Counsel on Corporate Aboriginal Relations, Advisory Board
- Law Society of Newfoundland
- Law Society of Ontario
- Mining Association of Canada
- Ontario Mining Association
- Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada