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Expertise

- Regulatory
- Energy
- Aboriginal
- Litigation

Biography

Aaron Cressman (he/him/his) is an associate in the Aboriginal and Regulatory Law Groups at Cassels. Aaron offers experience with negotiating and drafting governance agreements involving Métis and First Nation communities, judicial review proceedings, land claims, Indigenous rights, Indigenous-Crown relations, and the Crown's duty to consult. Aaron also has a strong understanding of the regulatory processes related to environmental matters, including environmental assessments, and has experience dealing with the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) and provincial regulators on behalf of natural resource and energy project proponents. Aaron's work has led him to act in litigation proceedings on behalf of Indigenous communities in both civil and Aboriginal law related matters.

Aaron is called to the bar in both British Columbia and Ontario and has appeared before the British Columbia Supreme Court. Prior to joining Cassels as an associate, Aaron was a summer and articling student at the firm.

Aaron obtained his J.D. from Osgoode Hall Law School in 2019. During his time at Osgoode, Aaron was a member of the school's Environmental Justice and Sustainability Clinic, served as a research assistant to Osgoode's Artist in Residence, and spent a semester studying international law at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. Prior to law school, Aaron graduated from Queen's University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts, majoring in sociology and minoring in history.

Recent Representative Work

- Cassels Successfully Obtains Regulatory Approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission for the 180 MW Jenner 2 and Jenner 3 Wind Power Projects
- Cassels Successfully Obtains Regulatory Approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission for the Jenner Wind Power Project Amendment
- Cassels Successfully Represents Trans Mountain Corporation to Obtain Approval for 26 km of Pipeline Before the Canada Energy Regulator
- Cassels Successfully Represents Trans Mountain Corporation in TMEP Detailed Route Hearing

Insights

- Aboriginal Law – Case Law Update 2022 (Cassels Webinar)
- Regulatory Affairs: Lessons on Addressing Risk of Judicial Review Challenges in the Context of Regulatory Applications
- Outlook 2021: Regulating Market Manipulation – Challenges and Change

Education / Bar Admissions

- J.D., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2019
- B.A. (Hons.), Queens University, 2016
- Ontario, 2020
- British Columbia, 2021