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Expertise

- Aboriginal
- Mining
- Cannabis
- Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)
- 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.

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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)
- *Lexpert Special Edition*, Energy and Mining

Client Commentary

- “Sandra provides excellent service and is technically brilliant.”
– *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*

Recent Representative Work

- Calibre Completes Acquisition of Marathon Creating a High-Growth, Cash Flow Focused, Mid-Tier Gold Producer in the Americas

Insights

- Hot Topics in Aboriginal and Regulatory Law – 2024 Update (Cassels Webinar)
- Aboriginal Law – Case Law Update 2024 (Cassels Webinar)
- No Open Floodgates: BCCA Upholds the Defence of Statutory Authorization for Impacts to Aboriginal Rights by Third Parties

Education / Bar Admissions

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

- Newfoundland, 1992
- Ontario, 2005

Associations

- Canadian Bar Association, Past Chair of Aboriginal Law Section
- Canadian Electricity Association
- CanEx Jamaica, Advisory Board

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- Conference Board of Canada, Council for Corporate and Indigenous Relations: Advisory Board
- Law Society of Newfoundland
- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Mining Association, Aboriginal Committee
- Prospectors and Developers Association, Indigenous Committee