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Expertise

- Regulatory
- Energy
- Aboriginal
- Major Projects
- Mining
- Municipal, Planning & Environmental
- Protected: NEW Life Sciences

Biography

Gavin Fitch, K.C. (he/him/his), is a senior partner in the Regulatory Group at Cassels. Gavin is an award-winning lawyer whose practice focuses on environmental, regulatory, energy permitting, and Indigenous law. A respected and trusted advisor, he provides practical, results-oriented advice to help clients navigate complex regulatory landscapes. Gavin is first and foremost an advocate, having spent literally hundreds of days in hearing rooms of energy and environmental tribunals, including the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Natural Resources Conservation Board, and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

Gavin advises a diverse range of clients, including developers, energy producers, environmental monitoring agencies, governments, and landowners. Gavin's experience includes mining projects, electric power facilities such as power plants (thermal, wind and solar), transmission lines, hydroelectric projects, and oil and gas infrastructure, including wells, pipelines, and processing facilities. While based in Alberta, Gavin has worked on projects across Canada, such as the Lower Churchill Falls Hydro project in Newfoundland and Labrador, mining projects in Ontario and BC, as well as a major port expansion project in BC.

In the area of Indigenous law, Gavin assists government agencies with matters including the duty to consult and land claims. Notably, he has served as Canada's Chief Negotiator in treaty and self-government negotiations in British Columbia and Yukon.

Gavin's practice is grounded in administrative law, spanning municipal, environmental, energy, regulatory, and Indigenous matters. His background in journalism and strong writing skills provide a distinct advantage in this area, where written advocacy plays a central role.

Achievements

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Aboriginal Law; Energy Regulatory; Environmental)
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Lawyer of the Year (Environmental)

Law – Calgary) (2012)

- *Business Today Lawyer Awards*, Top 10 Leading Canadian Environmental Lawyers (2023)
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Aboriginal Law; Energy (Electricity); Environmental)
- *Chambers Canada* (Regulatory; Energy & Natural Resources; Environmental)
- *Chambers Global* (Environmental; Energy)
- *Legal500 Canada* (Environmental)
- *Lexology Index: Canada* (Environmental)
- *Lexology Index: Thought Leaders* (Environment & Climate Change)
- *Lexpert Special Edition* – Energy

Insights

- New Can-Do CANDU Energy: Bill C-39 Looks to Reduce Regulatory Burdens and Streamline the Development of Nuclear Projects in Canada
- Canada's Investment Summit is Not Just About Capital – It's About Execution
- Protected: Powered Up Expectations: Developments in Data Centre Regulation in Ontario and Alberta

Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B., Dalhousie University
- M.A., Syracuse University
- B.A., University of Alberta
- Alberta, 1992
- Northwest Territories, 2010

Associations

- Alberta Expropriation Association, Past President
- Environmental Law Centre, Edmonton, Past President
- Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Governor & Past-President