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Expertise

- Aboriginal
- Business
- Mining
- Regulatory

Biography

Arend Hoekstra, CPA, CA, is a partner in the Business Law Group at Cassels. Arend is also a Chartered Professional Accountant. Arend provides advice on the duty to consult, treaty negotiations, project-related environmental and regulatory matters, mining projects, legislative drafting, litigation matters including judicial review proceedings, use of Reserve lands including Section 53(1) easements, Section 28(2) tenures, and rights-of-way, drafting of Impact Benefit Agreements and Capacity Funding Agreements, and financing and acquisition of mineral resource properties. His previous experience includes acting as a Senior Advisor for one of Canada's largest mines and acting as a controller for a large helicopter services company serving the mineral exploration and mining industry in the NWT. As a Chartered Professional Accountant, Arend worked with governments, including Indigenous governments and communities, across the NWT and Nunavut.

Arend's publications include:

- *Implementing UNDRIP in Canada: Challenges with Bill C-262*, House of Commons Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (co-authored with Thomas Isaac)
- *Identity and Federalism: Understanding the Implications of Daniels v Canada*, Supreme Court Law Review (co-authored with Thomas Isaac)
- *Uncertainty in Dealing with Private Property Rights and Aboriginal Title*, British Columbia Real Estate Law Developments (co-authored with Thomas Isaac)

Arend earned his J.D. from the University of British Columbia and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration co-conferred by Okanagan College and the University of British Columbia-Okanagan.

Arend is recognized as "Up & Coming" by *Chambers Canada* for his work in Aboriginal Law.

Achievements

- *Chambers Canada* (Aboriginal Law)

Client Commentary

- “Arend is excellent to work with. He is approachable, thorough and an excellent communicator who provides high-quality advice.” – *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*
- “Arend provides exceptional knowledge and service.” – *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*
- “He prioritises client service in all circumstances and always accommodates urgent requests.” – *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*
- “Arend is very versatile and well-rounded in all areas of Indigenous law.” – *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*

Recent Representative Work

- Cassels Successful in Obtaining Interim Ruling Actton Super-Save Gas Stations Ltd. v. Eneas
- Métis Nation Signs Historic Impact Benefit Agreement
- Benchmark Metals to Acquire Thesis Gold
- Cassels Successful in Saskatchewan Court of Appeal re Province’s Duty to Consult
- Cassels Successfully Obtains Federal and Provincial Approvals for Marathon Palladium Project

Insights

- Aboriginal Law – Case Law Update 2024 (Cassels Webinar)
- BC Court Confirms It Has No Authority to Grant Rights to Occupy Reserve Land
- Federal Government Narrows the Application of the Impact Assessment Act

Education / Bar Admissions

- J.D., University of British Columbia, 2015
- CPA (CA), Institute of Chartered Accountants, 2009
- B.B.A., University of British Columbia-Okanagan & Okanagan College, 2007

- British Columbia, 2016
- Northwest Territories, 2017
- Ontario, 2019