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Expertise

- Aboriginal
- Business
- Mining
- Regulatory
- Aboriginal Law Litigation & Dispute Advisory
- Major Projects

Biography

Arend Hoekstra*, CPA, CA, is a partner in the Aboriginal Law Group at Cassels. Arend advises on agreements between industry and Indigenous communities, including Impact Benefit Agreements, Exploration Agreements, co-ownership of major projects, and reserve land use agreements, as well as Indigenous procurement strategies.

Arend also advises on the Crown's duty to consult, and has appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada, Federal Court of Appeal, Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, and PEI Court of Appeal, as well as superior courts across Canada. He has been cited in the debates of the Canadian Senate and his writings have been considered by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs.

Arend qualified as a Chartered Accountant prior to becoming a lawyer. His prior experience includes acting as a Senior Advisor for a Canadian diamond mine and as a controller for a large helicopter services company serving the mineral exploration and mining industry in the NWT.

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 by *Chambers Canada* as a leading practitioner in Aboriginal Law in Canada.

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Achievements

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* (Securities Law)
- *Chambers Canada* (Aboriginal Law)
- *Chambers Global* (Aboriginal Law)

Client Commentary

- “He is fast, efficient and effective.” – *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*
- “Arend is an excellent lawyer who brings strategic vision and commercial understanding that is very rare in my experience.”- *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*
- “Arend manages our files smoothly and confidently. He is practical and efficient.”- *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*
- “Arend is extremely client-focused, very responsive and accommodating and has a very deep understanding of Indigenous law and the BC landscape.” – *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*
- “Arend is very focused on results and ensuring that the problem and desired result are well defined. He applies creativity and diligence to developing and delivering on the strategy.” – *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*
- “Arend is responsive, gives practical advice and really understands what the issues are on the client side. He also gives a perspective on the Indigenous side to help us frame our responses.” – *Chambers Canada (Aboriginal)*
- “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 Advises Kinross’s Great Bear Resources with Community Benefits Agreement
- Cassels Successful in Obtaining Interim Ruling Actton Super-Save Gas Stations Ltd. v. Eneas

- Métis Nation Signs Historic Impact Benefit Agreement
- Cassels Successful in Saskatchewan Court of Appeal re Province's Duty to Consult

Insights

- Federal Court of Appeal Finds Federal Legislation Does Not Implement UNDRIP
- New Can-Do CANDU Energy: Bill C-39 Looks to Reduce Regulatory Burdens and Streamline the Development of Nuclear Projects in Canada
- Co-operation Agreement on Environmental and Impact Assessment: Alberta and Canada Commit to Accelerate Major Project Assessments

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
- Saskatchewan, 2025
- Yukon, 2026

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