



Stuart Chambers

Partner

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Stuart prioritizes communication, preparation, and professionalism. He makes every effort to ensure his clients' interests are protected by providing responsive and result-oriented representation.

Stuart's practice focuses on environmental, energy, and regulatory law as well as occupational health and safety law. He has substantial knowledge in the environmental field and previously chaired the Canadian Bar Association's National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section. He is particularly known for his environmental prosecution defence work. His experience includes playing a key role in the defence teams on behalf of various oilsands operators responding to provincial and federal investigations and prosecutions as well as playing a primary role in a client's investigative team responding to information surrounding a potential environmental release. In his occupational health and safety practice, Stuart has extensive experience advising oilsands and other industrial operators in relation to environmental and health and safety law issues.

Additionally, Stuart has a broad background in commercial litigation including contractual disputes, recovery of funds, and class actions. He has acted in class actions in Alberta and in British Columbia, with experience as both defendant and plaintiff counsel. Significant class action matters in which Stuart has participated include acting as a key member of the defence counsel team in a class action suit against a major Canadian payday loan provider and playing a primary role on the defence counsel team responding to an \$11 million dollar class action lawsuit filed in relation to a missing laptop containing the personal and health information of approximately 620,000 Albertans.

Clients in the Northwest Territories can also benefit from Stuart's extensive legal knowledge. He regularly advises clients in the north on organizational matters such as bylaws.

Stuart enjoys practicing in areas that are on the cutting edge and mirror what is going on in society. He appreciates being at the forefront of development and, because the laws are frequently evolving in his areas of practice, he keeps abreast of changes in the law and maintains the requisite knowledge and skills to effectively represent his clients.

Stuart remains engaged in both professional associations and the community. He was formerly the Chair of the Canadian Bar Association's National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section, and a former Director of the Environmental Services Association of Alberta, with whom he still works and presents. He volunteers on the Governance Committee of the Alberta Emerald Foundation, on the Alberta Chamber of Resources event planning committee and was formerly a Director of the Edmonton Humane Society.

Education

- University of Alberta, B.A.:(Honours)
- University of Alberta, LL.B.:(with Distinction)

Call to Bar

- Northwest Territories Bar, 2017
- Alberta Bar, 1999

Professional Affiliation and Community Involvement

- Volunteer Member, Environmental Forum Committee, Alberta Chamber of Resources
- Committee Member, Alberta Emerald Foundation for Environmental Excellence
- Former Chair, Canadian Bar Association, National Environmental Energy and Resources Law Section
- Former Chair, Canadian Bar Association (Alberta Branch), Environmental Law Section – Northern
- Former Director, Environmental Services Association of Alberta
- Former Member, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce Energy & Environment Committee
- Former Director, Edmonton Humane Society

Related Experience

- Environmental & Energy
- Class Actions
- Health Law & Medical Defence
- Commercial Litigation
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Northern Canada
- Professional Liability & Discipline

Credentials and Award Rankings

- 2021 – National Leader – Canada: Environment 2021 (Who's Who Legal)
- 2021 – Global Leader (Environment) (Who's Who Legal)
- 2022 – Environmental Law (Best Lawyers® in Canada)
- Leading Practitioner – Environmental Law (The Canadian Legal LEXPERT® Directory)

Speaking Engagements and Publications

- "Challenging Litigation Issues Arising in Environmental Civil Claims, Administrative Appeals and Quasi-Criminal Prosecutions: Similarities, Differences and Inter-relationships", Webinar Moderator, Canadian Bar Association, National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section, 2021
- "[Litigating Climate Change: An Update on a Strengthening Trend](#)", Nathaniel Brenneis & Stuart Chambers, *Assessing the Impact: Environmental and Resources Law Blog*, 2020
- "[Time to Clean Up: Alberta's Revamped Remediation Regulation](#)", Sean Parker & Stuart Chambers, *Assessing the Impact: Environmental and Resources Law Blog*, 2019
- "Cocktails and Conversations: Contaminated Sites", McLennan Ross Seminar, 2019
- "Allegations of Fraud: Protecting Your Reputation", Session Presenter, Local Government Administrators of the NWT Conference & AGM, 2019
- "Basics of Environmental Law", Environmental Services Association of Alberta – Environment Business, 2017

- "Regulatory Session", Environmental Services Association of Alberta – Water Technologies Symposium, Speaker ("An Overview of Legal Issues Related to Water in Alberta") and Panel Moderator, 2016
- "Cross-Canada Hot Topics Panel", Panel Moderator, Canadian Bar Association, National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section Annual Summit, 2016
- "Basics of Environmental Law", Environmental Services Association of Alberta – Environment Business, 2015
- "Court Sets Aside Policy Barring Objectors from Role in Oilsands Approval Process", Stuart Chambers and Sean Parker, *Canadian Bar Association Eco-Bulletin*
- "Regional Approaches to Water", Webinar Moderator, Canadian Bar Association, National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section, 2014
- "Regional Hot Topics", Panel Presenter, Canadian Bar Association, National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section, 2014
- "Environmental Consultants' Liability Risks", McLennan Ross Webinar, 2013
- "Why No OHS Class Actions?", Stuart Chambers, *Canadian Bar Association Eco-Bulletin*
- "A User's Guide to Injunctions and Related Remedies", LESA Common Chambers Applications Seminar, 2012
- "Fines and Fowl: The Trial of Syncrude", Stuart Chambers and Lisa Semenchuk, in Stanley Berger, ed, *Key Developments in Environmental Law 2011 Edition* (Toronto: Thomson Reuters Canada Limited—Canada Law Book, 2011)
- "Environmental Enforcement Trends in Alberta", Canadian Bar Association, National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section, 2011
- "The Key Differences Between Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety Investigations", (with Shilo Neveu), Alberta Construction Safety Association - National Construction Safety Officer Conference, 2011
- "Basics of Environmental Law", Environmental Services Association of Alberta – Environment Business, 2011

To learn more about Stuart, please see his bio [here](#).