

Scott Birse

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Bar Admission: Alberta, 2020 | Manitoba, 2017

Areas of Expertise

Environmental Disputes and Enforcement

Regulatory, Indigenous and Environmental

Scott is a member of Osler’s Regulatory, Indigenous and Environmental practice. Scott’s practice focuses on project-related natural resource development, environmental law and energy regulation, as well as administrative and Indigenous law issues. He acts for a variety of companies in regulatory proceedings to obtain approvals for major projects in the wind, solar, battery storage, electricity transmission, pipeline, carbon capture and storage, and oil and gas sectors.

Scott provides strategic advice across the full lifecycle of major electricity generation and natural resource projects. He advises clients on matters related to project planning and siting, environmental assessments, stakeholder consultation and negotiations, continuing regulatory compliance, and decommissioning and reclamation. He also regularly assists clients with natural resource and environmental sector commercial transactions, regulatory investigations, environmental enforcement actions, contaminated site liability issues and environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters.

Scott has assisted clients with matters before the Canada Energy Regulator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Alberta Land and Property Rights Tribunal, the British Columbia Utilities Commission, the British Columbia Energy Regulator and all levels of court in Manitoba. He has successfully represented clients in some of the largest and most high-profile energy developments in Western Canada.

Before practicing law, Scott was an archaeologist working throughout Manitoba. He has on the ground experience related to electricity generation, natural resource development and environmental impacts.

Credentials

Education

- University of Manitoba, JD
- University of Manitoba, BA, Anthropology; Archaeology and Physical Anthropology

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Languages

- English

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Professional Affiliations

- Law Society of Alberta
- Law Society of Manitoba