

Environment Business



An Introduction to Environmental and Regulatory Law

In recent years, there has been an increased focus on regulating the environmental impacts of industrial and commercial activities throughout Alberta. Civil suits commenced by neighbouring communities in regards to releases and contamination from these activities have also increased both in number and the size of damages awarded by the courts.

This course is intended to give managers the basic tools to identify potential environmental and regulatory liability and respond appropriately. This course is an introduction and is intended for those who are unfamiliar with environmental and regulatory law in Alberta.

This course will include a background of the regulatory process in Alberta, including inspections, investigations, enforcement and prosecutions and environmental civil actions, as well as case studies. The case studies will help participants understand how environmental liability can arise in circumstances based on actual cases.

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Stuart Chambers is a partner with McLennan Ross practicing in the areas of energy, environmental & regulatory and commercial litigation, with a particular focus on environmental and occupational health and safety regulatory law, and class actions.

Stuart has extensive experience advising oilsands and other industrial operators in relation to environmental and health and safety law issues, in particular in preparation for and responding to regulatory investigations and prosecutions.

Stuart has a wide range of experience in commercial litigation matters, including: complex class actions involving a wide range of issues.

While Stuart has extensive experience in dealing with complex multiparty litigation, he is equally comfortable in finding efficient solutions for smaller disputes. Stuart is also experienced in utilizing alternative dispute resolution methods including mediation and arbitration to resolve issues. In addition, Stuart has significant experience acting as both plaintiff and defendant counsel in class actions in Alberta and in British Columbia.

Stuart advises various organizations on contract interpretation, drafting and policy issues and advises government and administrative tribunals on policy and adjudicative matters.