



## Radha D. Curpen

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### EDUCATION

College Universitaire de Saint Boniface/University of Manitoba, BA

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### BAR ADMISSIONS

Manitoba

Ontario

New York

British Columbia

Radha is the managing partner of Bennett Jones' Vancouver office and co-head of the firm's Environmental Law practice and Aboriginal Law practice. She specializes in Environmental, Aboriginal and Regulatory matters, and the transportation of dangerous goods. Radha provides strategic counsel to clients with regards to regulatory compliance, the management of environmental risks, the defence of environmental litigation, the avoidance and defence of environmental related prosecutions, crisis prevention and management, mitigating business disruption and providing reputation management.

Within her Aboriginal practice, Radha advises on the duty to consult, treaty claims and interpretation; Aboriginal self-government; the fiduciary relationship between governments and Aboriginal peoples; claims to renewable and non-renewable natural resources; hunting, fishing and trapping rights; government relations; economic development; and various public policy issues.

Radha works with clients across a range of sectors, including energy, mining, natural resources, transportation, real estate, chemicals, agribusiness & food, and manufacturing.

She has worked in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta, the Atlantic Provinces and in the United States. She has a diverse environmental practice ranging from obtaining approvals for projects, involvement in regulatory proceedings, negotiating with regulators, leading arbitration, and leading the defence of civil and quasi-criminal litigation, assisting in developing protective measures in transactions and addressing contaminated sites issues in multiple jurisdictions, assisting clients in developing systems for compliance and strategic advice on preventative measures. Radha was involved in the creation of the Contaminated Sites legislation in Manitoba in the 1990s.

Radha joined the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade in September 2017 as a Director and in 2018 became a member of the Executive Committee. In 2019, Radha joined the board of directors for Windmill Microlending. Radha joined the Board Of Governors for the Business Council of BC (BCBC) in May 2020. Radha has also served as a member of the YWCA of Metro Vancouver's Culture Shift Advisory Council.

Radha was an adjunct professor at the University of Toronto Faculty Of Law for the Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility course.

Radha was a sessional lecturer at Robson Hall Faculty of Law for the environmental law course.

To complement her practice, Radha is a member of the American Bar Association and the International Bar Association.

Radha is fluent in English and French.