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PRACTICE AREAS

Energy & Natural Resources • Fisheries & Aquaculture • Administrative • Municipal
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BIOGRAPHY

As Counsel in the Halifax office, Michel's experience in energy, fishery, aboriginal affairs and trade matters is an asset for our clients doing business in Atlantic Canada and beyond. Michel provides strategic advice on government relations and community consultation. He is a registered lobbyist with the Province of Nova Scotia and Government of Canada, assisting clients needing guidance in government relations. He is experienced working on projects involving various stakeholders and environmental consideration at all levels of government.

A bilingual graduate of Dalhousie Law School, Michel began his law practice in Cape Breton before spending 19 years as a Member of the Nova Scotia Legislature. Michel's cabinet assignments included acting Minister of Justice, Attorney General & Deputy Premier, Minister of Energy, Trade & Acadian Affairs and Francophonie, Minister of Economic and Rural Development & Tourism, Minister of Environment and Government House Leader.

Michel is past-Chair of the Board of Directors for Marine Renewables Canada and current Chair of Governors of Universite Sainte Anne.

LANGUAGES

- English
- French

BAR ADMISSION

- Nova Scotia (1998)

LAW SCHOOL

- Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law

EDUCATION

- Dalhousie Law School (LLB, 1997)
- Dalhousie University (BA, 1993)

PUBLICATIONS

- Regional Assessment for Offshore Wind Development – Update
- Nova Scotia Election Update
- Transfers and Non-Canadian Ownership of Atlantic Canadian Fishing Licences

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Chair, Board of Directors, Marine Renewables Canada (2020 –)

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Community Foundation of Nova Scotia – Secretary of the Board (2023 –)
- Community Foundation of Nova Scotia – Board Member (2018 –)
- French for the Future – Board Member (2021 -)
- Easter Seals Nova Scotia – Board Member (2018 – 2023)
- The Gallivan Cystic Fibrosis Golf Tournament – Organizing Committee Member