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Jim is a senior partner in the Calgary office. His practice focuses on energy regulatory matters, administrative law and litigation.

In relation to the energy sector, he has extensive experience as counsel before the National Energy Board and provincial energy boards, and has represented natural gas producers, transmission pipelines, distributors, government, marketers and shippers in respect of facilities applications, export/import authorizations, and tariff issues both in the normal course and on major project-specific briefs such as the Sable Offshore Energy/Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Projects, MacKenzie Gas Project and the proposed Alaska Pipeline.

In electricity matters, Jim has extensive experience before provincial and federal regulators concerning open access, cost of capital and other tariff issues, greenfield and thermal plant expansions, export authorizations and transmission system expansions.

He also advises clients concerning the acquisition, disposition and financing of regulated energy assets including pipelines, cogeneration plants and electrical transmission facilities.

His regulatory and administrative law focus also includes broad experience before the Canadian Transportation Agency and the Canadian International Trade Tribunal on anti-dumping matters.

His litigation focus includes commercial arbitrations (both as counsel and arbitrator), appearances in the Federal Court, Federal Court of Appeal, provincial superior and appellate courts and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Jim is listed in *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2007* as a recommended practitioner in electricity, oil and natural gas matters, in *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2007* as a recommended practitioner in energy matters, and in *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2007* in respect of energy regulatory law.

Jim has written and spoken on various administrative and public law topics. From 1991 – 2005 he was Senior Instructor in Public Law at the Bar Admission Course of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Since 1995 Jim has acted as pro bono counsel to more than 50 high-performance Canadian amateur athletes in diverse disciplines, on negotiations, arbitrations and other dispute resolution on a variety of matters, including team selection, discipline, athlete funding and related issues.