

# Dentons' Canada Region strengthens Energy practice with the addition of two lawyers

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**Calgary and Vancouver** —Dentons is pleased to welcome Partner Sean Ralph and Counsel Joe Sebestyen, as the newest additions to the Firm's Energy group. In addition to the Energy practice, Joe will also support the Firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution group.

"The addition of Sean and Joe to our team directly aligns with our strategic objective of recruiting top talent, and we are delighted to welcome lawyers of their calibre to Dentons," said Michael Hurst, national and global energy sector lead for Dentons Canada. "Their respective capabilities will further enhance the Firm's accomplished energy bench strength, and will, no doubt, be an invaluable asset to our clients and colleagues, alike."

Sean brings more than 20 years' experience on major energy infrastructure and construction projects, along with domestic and international corporate commercial transactions. He has a wide breadth of in-house experience, having served as general counsel, senior legal counsel, and on boards of directors, both in Canada and internationally. He has completed numerous complex international upstream transactions, including mergers, acquisitions and divestments, production sharing agreements, joint venture agreements, border dispute issues, MOUs, and concession and service agreements.

With more than 25 years of experience in corporate, private and public practice, Joe has been consistently recognized as a leading lawyer in the areas of Indigenous and Environmental law. He is proficient in assisting major oil and gas companies through all stages of the regulatory process, and has extensive experience conducting civil litigation at both the trial and appellate levels.

Joe also advises clients on a variety of general corporate commercial matters, and on negotiation and development of commercial agreements, joint venture agreements, project development arrangements, Indigenous ownership agreements, impact benefit agreements, commercial leases, and land tenure agreements.

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