



CTC Source Protection Committee Members Biography

Juli Abouchar

Citizen-at-Large

Ms. Abouchar is a partner at Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP and Environmental Law Specialist, certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada. Her environmental practice is focused on the following areas: environmental litigation; water law; environmental assessment and approvals; and environmental due diligence. Her aboriginal-environmental practice is focused on three main areas: the duty to consult during environmental assessment and permitting, negotiating and drafting resource related agreements, and facilitating resolution of disputes.

She represents clients before environment and energy tribunals, including the Environmental Review Tribunal, Ontario Municipal Board, Ontario Energy Board, Canadian Environmental Assessment Panel and National Energy Board.

Ms. Abouchar is an expert water lawyer. She was assistant commission counsel at the Walkerton Inquiry, served on the multi-stakeholder Source Water Protection Implementation Committee to provide advice on the *Clean Water Act*, and was legal advisor to the Expert Panel on Regulating Safe Drinking Water on First Nations. She advises clients on water supply agreements, source water protection policies, water system by-laws, managing drinking water systems, appealing MOE orders and defending *Safe Drinking Water Act* charges.

With a background in Earth Sciences, Ms. Abouchar works effectively with technical consultants and expert witnesses. In addition, she advises clients on the environmental aspects of their property and business transactions, including contaminated land and environmental due diligence.