



## CTC Source Protection Committee Member - Biography

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Julie Abouchar, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B., B.C.L., LL.M., is a partner at Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP and certified as an Environmental Law Specialist by the Law Society of Upper Canada. Julie is a recognized expert in environmental, Aboriginal and energy and natural resources law. Julie provides solutions to environmental law issues ranging from water protection, contaminated land and environmental assessment to environmental risk assessment, transactional due diligence and compliance. She also helps clients obtain environmental approvals. Julie appeals environmental orders and approvals issued by regulators to tribunals including the Environmental Review Tribunal, assists clients with environmental inspections and investigations, and negotiates with regulators on behalf of clients being prosecuted for environmental non-compliance.

Julie also helps clients plan, structure and implement renewable energy and transmission projects and has a substantial Aboriginal law practice, particularly where environmental law matters bisect Aboriginal law issues arising from natural resource project development. Julie provides advice about Aboriginal consultation and facilitates dispute resolution. In Canada's near and far north, Julie advises First Nation and Inuit communities, proponents, northern environmental boards and tribunals about resource development.

Julie is co-author of Ontario Water Law, published by Canada Law Book. Julie is peer selected annually for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in Canada© for Environmental Law, Aboriginal Law, and Energy Regulatory Law. She is ranked "Repeatedly Recommended" by The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory for Environmental Law and Aboriginal Law. In addition to her law degree from McGill University, Julie has a B.Sc. in Earth Sciences from the University of Waterloo and a Masters in Environmental Law from the University of London, U.K. Julie is called to the Bar in Ontario, New Brunswick, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.