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CANADA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, PERMITTING REGULATIONS AND MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPLIANCE

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Canada’s environmental penalties are severe, escalating quickly from daily fines to criminal liability and full remediation costs.. Non-compliance can trigger federal penalties of up to **\$25,000 per infraction and \$1 million per day, plus criminal charges and full clean-up costs**. With enforcement bodies already securing hundreds of millions of dollars through environmental penalties – and climate-related damages costing Canada approximately \$25 billion annually – strict compliance is no longer optional. It is a strategic imperative for any organization committed to risk-managed, sustainable operations.

This certified program will equip you with the practical legal and regulatory expertise to confidently manage environmental compliance across Canada's increasingly complex multi-jurisdictional landscape. You will deepen your command of **CEPA 2023 reforms, the Impact Assessment Act, provincial environmental assessment systems, and the emerging reforms under Bill C-5 and the Building Canada Act** – empowering you to advance major projects and industrial operations with far greater regulatory confidence. The program also delivers practical insight into the **most consequential environmental and climate regulations**, including the Fisheries Act, Species at Risk Act, carbon pricing systems, methane regulations, and Clean Fuel Regulations.

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You will build stronger capabilities to manage **Indigenous consultation and UNDRIP obligations, navigate strategic permitting frameworks, and meet CSDS and OSFI B-15 climate disclosure requirements** with the confidence and regulatory precision today's projects demand.

Through applied case studies and scenario-based exercises, you will gain expertise in **carbon markets & offsets, GHG reporting systems, and climate-related litigation risks**. This program will also help you **strengthen environmental compliance, reduce greenwashing exposure, and implement more defensible permitting and environmental governance strategies** across complex projects and operations.

Upon successful completion of the program, you will earn the **Certification in Canada Environmental Law and Compliance**. This industry-recognized certification validates your expertise in implementing robust environmental and climate governance frameworks and navigating complex environmental permitting systems – strengthening your credibility as a trusted leader in environmental compliance and regulatory management.

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KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

From This Program



**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COMPLIANCE
IMPACT ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT MULTI-
JURISDICTIONAL COMPLIANCE
CEPA REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**

**IAA PERMITTING STRATEGY
ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE
CARBON PRICING COMPLIANCE
INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS MANAGEMENT**

**CLIMATE RISK GOVERNANCE
GHG REPORTING COMPLIANCE
ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING
INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION STRATEGY**

**UNDRIP & FPIC COMPLIANCE
ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE
CLIMATE DISCLOSURE REPORTING
ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT READINESS
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT DEFENSE**

**CARBON MARKET STRATEGY
OFFSET COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT**

YOUR FACULTY DIRECTOR



Jason MacLean

Leading Voice in Canada's Environmental Law, Climate Governance, and Constitutional Regulation

Jason MacLean is a highly regarded environmental law authority, climate litigation specialist, and legal practitioner with nearly two decades of experience spanning environmental law, constitutional litigation, regulatory policy, and international dispute resolution. He currently serves on the faculty of the University of Victoria Faculty of Law and is an LLM candidate at the University of Chicago Law School. Jason is widely recognized for his leadership in **climate and environmental litigation, including his role on the legal team in the landmark climate Charter case, La Rose v. Canada. His work has also been cited multiple times by the Supreme Court of Canada and the Alberta Court of Appeal in the Impact Assessment Act references**, reflecting his profound influence on Canadian environmental jurisprudence.

Prior to academia, Jason practiced litigation and international arbitration at leading global firms including Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP and Shearman & Sterling LLP, and served as law clerk to Justice Marie Deschamps at the Supreme Court of Canada. He has also **acted as a retained expert in major U.S. environmental and toxic tort litigation involving Roundup and PFAS "forever chemicals" cases**. A prolific legal author with approximately 75 publications, Jason is an award-winning commentator whose work has appeared in leading publications including The Globe and Mail, Maclean's, and Policy Options.

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MODULE 1 - FOUNDATIONS OF CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND REGULATORY GOVERNANCE

- Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Environmental Powers
- Constitutional Division of Environmental Authority
- POGG and National Concern Doctrine
- Regulatory Agencies and Environmental Governance Structure

MODULE 2 - CEPA 2023 AND MODERN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMPLIANCE

- CEPA 2023 Reforms and Implementation Framework
- Toxic Substances and Pollution Control Obligations
- Right to Healthy Environment Principles
- Vulnerable Populations and Cumulative Effects Management

MODULE 3 - IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACT AND FEDERAL PROJECT APPROVALS

- Triggering Federal Impact Assessments
- Planning, Study, and Decision-Making Phases
- Designated Projects and Regulatory Thresholds

- Substitution and Cooperation Mechanisms

MODULE 4 - BUILDING CANADA ACT AND SECTORAL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

- Bill C-5 and National Interest Project Designation
- Major Projects Office and Approval Pathways
- Fisheries Act and Species at Risk Act Compliance
- CER Act and Nuclear Safety Regulatory Obligations

MODULE 5 - PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PERMITTING SYSTEMS

- Alberta Environmental Permitting Frameworks
- British Columbia Environmental Assessment Systems
- Ontario and Quebec Environmental Approval Processes
- “One Project, One Review” Coordination Strategies

MODULE 6 - INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION, UNDRIP, AND PROJECT GOVERNANCE

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- Duty to Consult and Accommodate Requirements
- UNDRIP and FPIC Implementation Principles
- Crown Versus Proponent Consultation Responsibilities
- Indigenous Equity Participation and IBAs

MODULE 7 - CARBON PRICING AND CLIMATE COMPLIANCE IN CANADA

- Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Framework
- Federal OBPS and Provincial Pricing Systems
- TIER, EPS, and Cap-and-Trade Mechanisms
- Industrial Carbon Compliance Obligations

MODULE 8 - CARBON MARKETS, OFFSETS, AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION STRATEGIES

- Federal and Provincial Carbon Offset Systems
- Carbon Market Participation and Compliance Units
- Voluntary Carbon Markets and Quality Concerns
- Article 6 and International Carbon Mechanisms

MODULE 9 - GHG REPORTING, CLIMATE DISCLOSURE, AND ESG COMPLIANCE

- Scope 1, 2, and 3 Emissions Reporting
- Federal GHGRP and Quantification Methodologies
- CSDS and OSFI B-15 Disclosure Requirements
- Methane and Clean Fuel Regulations Compliance

MODULE 10 - CLIMATE LITIGATION, GREENWASHING, AND REGULATORY LIABILITY

- Climate Litigation and Charter-Based Claims
- Greenwashing Exposure under Competition Act Reforms
- Regulatory Acceleration and Enforcement Risks
- Director and Officer Environmental Liability

MODULE 11 - ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT, AUDIT READINESS, AND COMPLIANCE STRATEGY

- Environmental Enforcement Act and Prosecution Frameworks
- Due Diligence Defence and Compliance Management Systems
- Environmental Audits and Inspection Readiness
- Building Resilient Environmental Governance Strategies

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Upon successfully completing this program, you will earn a **Certification in Canada Environmental Law and Compliance** – an industry-recognized credential with lifelong validity. This prestigious certification will validate your capability to interpret and apply Canada's environmental laws, permitting and impact assessment frameworks, and multi-jurisdictional environmental compliance. It strengthens your professional credibility and demonstrates your authoritative expertise in environmental governance, regulatory risk management, and sustainable project leadership across Canada's complex and rapidly evolving environmental regulatory environments.

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