



LAWYERS IN ATTENDANCE
AT THE 2026 ALBERTA BEEF INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Andrew MacGregor, Partner

Andrew is an experienced business lawyer with a practice focus on litigation and dispute resolution and in particular, agribusiness and livestock commerce. Andrew is very communicative and responsive and places an emphasis on customer service in his practice. Andrew has numerous clients in agribusiness including marketing commissions and lenders who rely on Andrew as an advisor for all things legal. Rising livestock prices have raised both returns and risk in the industry. Andrew helps industry clients navigate their legal challenges with a personal approach drawn from his own upbringing on a family farm.

Rekha McNutt, Partner

Rekha practices exclusively in Canadian immigration law. She advises employers and individuals across Canada on navigating the country's complex immigration system, including securing and maintaining lawful status for foreign workers and their families. Rekha has extensive experience with Labour Market Impact Assessments (LMIAs), LMIA-exempt work permits under the International Mobility Program, and permanent residence applications under Express Entry and the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program. She regularly advises businesses on options for recruiting foreign workers to address labour shortages and on long-term immigration planning for workers and their families. She also works closely with employers on compliance matters arising from Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) inspections and reviews, helping businesses understand their obligations, respond effectively to requests for information, and minimize operational and legal risk.

Rekha is known for her practical, solutions-focused approach and her commitment to helping Alberta employers confidently navigate Canada's complex and constantly evolving immigration policies and programs.

Dean Hutchison, Partner

Dean Hutchison is the leader of Litigation Practice Group at Caron & Partners LLP. His expertise is in insolvency and restructuring, debtor-creditor law and commercial litigation. He has dealt with all manner of commercial insolvency and restructuring matters in his over 20 years of practice, including engagements concerning the beef and agriculture industries.

Dean regularly acts for both creditors and debtors when there are issues with debt. This includes refinancings, security realizations, foreclosures, receiverships, proposal to creditors (both formal and informal), bankruptcies, the negotiation and implementation of forbearance agreements, and matters under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* and the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*. Dean also deals with banking and commercial lending matters, acting for both lenders and borrowers in the negotiation of loans, and the structuring of security for such loans.

Dean is a born and bred Albertan, having grown up in Northern Alberta.

Joshua Switzer, Partner

Joshua leads the solicitor practice group at Caron & Partner LLP. With nearly two decades of legal experience, Joshua advises lenders on all manner of transactions including livestock lending, commercial real estate, mining, and entertainment. He advises clients on a broad range of matters, including acquisitions, development, resource extraction, construction, mergers, secured transactions, financing, divestitures, studio productions, corporate governance, and reorganizations across various industries and business sectors. As a third-generation Calgarian, Joshua continues to uphold his family's western and philanthropic traditions.

Paul McAleer, Associate

A born and raised Calgarian, Paul McAleer is a transactional lawyer at Caron and Partners LLP with a practice rooted in lending, commercial deals and contract work. While his practice spans a range of industries, he has developed meaningful experience advising clients in the agricultural sector, particularly on transactions involving primary producers, ag-lenders, and rural commercial operations. He works collaboratively with his clients to come up with tailored solutions for unique agricultural legal problems and considerations. He values open and timely communication with his clients and is always happy to pick up the phone.