

Buying and Selling Alberta Water Rights: Legal and Regulatory Requirements and Challenges

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Although Alberta's Water Act has contemplated transfers of licences since 1995, only relatively recently have licensees and others focussed on opportunities to buy and sell existing allocations or change the use provisions in existing licences. Considerable legal and regulatory uncertainty exists for those participating in the embryonic water markets of Alberta. This presentation will discuss some of the legal and regulatory requirements to successfully effect a licence transfer or to change the use provisions in a licence and suggest commercial, legal and regulatory tips and traps being learnt as water allocations become commodities.

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