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Areas of Expertise

- [Agribusiness](#)
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Colena’s practice focuses on advising Canadian and foreign-based clients on the taxation of mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations and employee and executive compensation matters, with an emphasis on the resource, emerging companies and technology sectors. Her tax practice also includes the settlement of tax disputes with the Canada Revenue Agency.

Colena is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, Calgary Bar Association, the Canadian Tax Foundation and the Canadian Petroleum Tax Society. She was a former member of the Canadian Tax Foundation - Young Practitioners' Steering Committee (Calgary) and the Past-Chair of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Bar Association’s Taxation Specialists (South).

In 2022 Colena was recognized by Lexpert as one of Canada’s Rising Stars: Canada’s Leading Lawyers Under 40. The *Lexpert* Rising Stars awards recognize private practice and in-house lawyers who are emerging leaders in the Canadian legal community. Winners are selected by a distinguished advisory board, which considers the contributions that nominees make to their firm, company or department, as well as to the profession and larger community.

Awards and Recognition

- **International Tax Review:** Recognized in Women in Tax as a Highly Regarded lawyer
- **Best Lawyers in Canada:** Recognized in Tax Law
- **Lexpert Rising Stars:** Recognized as a Rising Star
- **The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:** Recognized in Corporate Tax

Credentials

Education

- University of Ottawa, LL.B.
- University of Alberta, B.Sc. (Hons.) (Pharmacology)

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Languages

- English

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Professional Affiliations

- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association
- Canadian Tax Foundation
- Canadian Petroleum Tax Society