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He has provided a broad range of services to First Nations across Canada, including: assisting First Nations and individual members with representations to the CRA in respect of advance income tax rulings and in response to CRA actions; negotiations of business ventures and structures; assisting with specific land claim negotiations, effective tax structures for specific land claims, and attending community meetings to advise on such negotiations and the related impacts; negotiating with lenders and investors to determine the best structure to preserve the Aboriginal integrity while providing adequate security; advising on the management and governance structures of business ventures and specific claims.