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Forrest C. Hume is a partner in the firm's Vancouver Office. His practice is centered on litigation and transportation law with a focus on railway matters.

Forrest brings over 34 years of experience and expertise in the areas of transportation law and litigation. He represents clients across Canada and the United States in all transportation law matters involving railway freight rate and level of service disputes, sale and lease of railway lines, grade separation and cost apportionment cases, ancillary charge disputes, rail freight contracts, crossing accidents, drainage and utility easement disputes, competitive line rates, interswitching, running rights and haulage issues, as well as commuter train matters.

In his litigation practice, Forrest appears before federal courts and tribunals involving administrative issues, arbitration and mediation proceedings, civil proceedings, as well as judicial review and appeal proceedings. He also has extensive experience acting in proceedings under the National Transportation Act, 1987, and the Canada Transportation Act (1988 to present).

Prior to joining the firm, Forrest enjoyed an extensive career in the transportation sector, being in-house regulatory litigation counsel for Canadian National Railway Company for six years, and later performing the same function for Canadian Pacific Limited for the next ten years at their respective head offices in Montreal. In 1994, he returned to private practice focusing on railway regulatory work across Canada, representing shippers, ports, terminals, all levels of government and commuter rail authorities. In 1998, he moved his practice to Vancouver and opened a prominent boutique firm.