

What are the top law firms for work at Aboriginal Affairs?

With *Law Times* having reported last year on large overall litigation bills at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, new parliamentary figures released as part of an inquiry by Liberal MP Sean Casey show which outside law firms the department has been turning to for its legal needs. Below are the top three vendors (according to fees) retained by the department in the last three fiscal years:

2013-14 (covers the period from April 1-Nov. 30)

Firm/vendor	Fees	Cause of action
Norton Rose Canada LLP	\$1,266,022	Oil and gas (department as defendant)
ATD Legal Services PC	\$470,335	Advice on document disclosure (truth and reconciliation)
Public trustee of Manitoba	\$146,087	Agreement to manage mentally incompetent

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Firm/vendor	Fees	Cause of action
Norton Rose Canada LLP	\$2,497,292	Oil and gas (department as defendant)
ATD Legal Services PC	\$471,081	Advice on document disclosure (truth and reconciliation)
Public trustee of Manitoba	\$297,507	Agreement to manage mentally incompetent

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Firm/vendor	Fees	Cause of action
Norton Rose Canada LLP	\$2,664,278	Oil and gas (department as defendant)
Miles Davison McCarthy McNiven LLP	\$281,474	Oil and gas (department as defendant)
Public trustee of Manitoba	\$255,205	Agreement to manage mentally incompetent