# CORPORATE / COMMERCIAL



We provide legal services to Canadian and international clients across the industry spectrum regarding their business opportunities in British Columbia and Ontario, Canada and around the world.

We are equally comfortable working with the daily operational corporate requirements of manufacturing and exporting clients as we are handling intellectual property issues for clients in the technology sector, advising on governance issues for not-for-profit associations, assisting clients in a franchise transaction, advising on partnership and shareholder agreements for accounting firms, dental, and medical clinics, or advising clients in the transportation sector.

## REPRESENTATIVE SECTORS

Our clients are businesses, organizations and associations from industries that include agriculture, aerospace, commercial diving, commercial leasing, commercial real estate, construction, engineering, entertainment, environmental, e-commerce, forestry, gaming, information technology, manufacturing, marine services, mining, nutraceuticals, not-for-profit and member-driven organizations, petrochemicals, accounting, dentistry, medicine, real estate development, technology, transportation and tourism.

## **SERVICES**

Corporate services we frequently provide to our clients include: incorporations, corporate records maintenance, reorganizations and dissolutions, advice and assistance with all aspects of corporate and board governance and advice and preparation of shareholder and partnership agreements, stock option plans, employment and independent contractor agreements, confidentiality and non-competition agreements and all other general corporate documents and forms of agreement.

We frequently assist clients in matters that include preparation of commercial agreements (including supplier/customer agreements and export-import agreements), corporate mergers and acquisitions (including acquiring or disposing of accounting, medical, and dental practices), amalgamations and winding up, leveraged buy-outs, competition and restrictive trades practices, tax-driven asset transfers and estate freezes, joint venture agreements, international sale of goods, public and private leasing and lending arrangements, marine service agreements, venture capital transactions, incorporations, shareholders disputes, franchising, distributorships and licensing and risk management analysis and advice.

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## **BUSINESS IMMIGRATION**

We also provide a variety of business immigration services including advice on foreign worker entry requirements, obtaining work permits and other authorization for foreigners to work in Canada, assisting individuals who wish to obtain permanent resident status in Canada and assisting their employers in supporting these applications.

## INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

Our lawyers are actively involved in a number of industry associations including:

- Association for Corporate Growth of British Columbia
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters
- Railway Association of Canada
- West Coast Railway Association
- Business Council of British Columbia
- Mortgage Investment Association of British Columbia
- NAIOP, Commercial Real Estate Development Association
- Rental Owners and Managers Society of British Columbia (ROMS BC)
- Condominium Home Owners' Association of British Columbia
- Professional Association of Managing Agents
- British Columbia Arbitration and Mediation Institute
- ADR Institute of Canada, Inc.
- Strata Property Agents of British Columbia
- Entrepreneurs' Organization

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