

John Smith

John's practice has substantial transaction-based and project-based components. It also embraces ongoing advisory work to business clients ranging from large corporations to family businesses to fiduciaries. John has also had significant experience in directing major litigation for clients.

John advises clients who operate in a range of industries, including mining, bulk terminal operations, forestry, transportation, and in the financial institution, private investment and energy sectors. In addition, John has advised the Government of British Columbia on Securities Law reform, introduction of ESOP legislation and other matters, and has been involved in privatization and P3 projects.

After studying law at the University of Oxford, John taught law for six years before joining Lawson Lundell in 1981. John was the firm's Managing Partner from 2007 - 2009.

Recognition And Ranking

- *Martindale-Hubbell International Law Directory*: AV Peer Review rated
- *Lexpert Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*: recognized for corporate commercial law
- *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada*: recognized for mergers & acquisitions
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*:
 - most frequently recognized as a Leading Practitioner for: corporate commercial and mergers & acquisitions law
 - consistently recommended as a Leading Practitioner for: corporate finance & securities law
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*: recognized for corporate law, mergers & acquisitions and securities law

Professional Activities

- John has acted as a member of committees of the Law Society of British Columbia
- John acts and has acted as a director and/or officer of a number of foundations and corporations

Community Activities

- Church Council, Member and Head of Personnel Committee

Bar Admissions

- British Columbia (1982)

Education

- University of Oxford (B.A., (Jurisprudence) 1974, First Class)
- University of Oxford (B.C.L., 1975, First Class)

Experience

Selected experience includes:



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Practices

- Commercial Law
- Corporate Finance & Securities
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Mining
- Public Private Partnerships and Infrastructure
- Administration, Pension Governance & Investment

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- Extensive experience with income funds including leading the largest IPO in British Columbia
- Acting for over 15 years for British Columbia's largest bulk terminal
- Representing a local transportation authority in a P3 project for the construction of a rapid transit line at a cost of \$1.7 billion
- Advising a coal company on the development, financing and acquisition of new mines
- Acting on the sale of a Canadian company operating hearing aid clinics in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia
- Counsel to the special committee of the board of a forest products company in relation to the recapitalization of its \$1.2 billion debt

Conferences

- "The Keys to Being an Effective Pension and Benefit Plan Trustee: Trustee Responsibilities and Trustee Protection"
- "Trends", (November 17, 2011)
- "The Keys to Being an Effective Pension and Benefit Plan Trustee: Trustee Responsibilities and Trustee Protection", (February 23, 2011)
- "Mergers and Acquisitions", (January 29, 2010)
- "The Keys to Being an Effective Pension and Benefit Plan Trustee: Trustee Responsibilities and Trustee Protection", (January 27, 2010)
- "The Keys to Being an Effective Pension and Benefit Plan Trustee", (February 24, 2009)

News / Publications

- Comments Sought on Proposed Amendments to National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, (June 11, 2010)
- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Transition Disclosure Update, (February 25, 2010)
- Governance Challenges for Income Trusts, (December 5, 2005)
- Recent Corporate Scandals - Should Benefit Plans Care?, (February 20, 2003)
- Is it permissible for trustees of an employee-benefit plan to practise "ethical investment"?, *Ethical Investment*, (July 5, 2001)
- Ethical Investment, (February 21, 2001)

