

Chris G. Baldwin

Chris advises on acquisitions and dispositions of mines and mining companies, project development and mine operations throughout Canada and the world. He has assisted in the structuring and negotiation of hundreds of transactions, including farm-ins and joint ventures, corporate acquisitions and mergers and royalty sales. He has extensive experience with all legal aspects of the development, construction and financing of mines (including diamonds, coal and uranium), royalties, marketing contracts, ore sales contracts, impact benefit agreements with Aboriginals and environmental and regulatory matters. His practice includes acting as an expert witness in mining-related litigation.

Recognition And Ranking

- *Expert Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*: recognized for mining law every year since 1999
- *Canadian Legal Expert Directory*: most frequently recognized as a Leading Practitioner for mining law
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*: recognized for natural resources law
- *International Who's Who Legal*: recognized as one of the twenty most highly regarded globally, for mining law
- *Expert Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada*: recognized for international transactions in the mining industry
- *Chambers Global*: ranked Band 1 and recognized as a "Leader in his Field" in the Energy & Natural Resources: Mining (Canada) category
- *Expert Guides*: recognized as a leading lawyer in the area of energy and natural resources
- *Who's Who Legal Canada*: recognized for mining law
- *Best Lawyers*: Natural Resources Law Lawyer of the Year in Vancouver for 2010

Professional Activities

- Osgoode Hall Law School Professional Development Mining Law Advisory Board, Member
- BC and Yukon Chamber of Mines, Member
- Board of Trustees of Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and Form 5 Revision Committee, Former Member
- Foundation's Mineral Law Newsletter, Currently the "reporter" covering Canada
- Chris has lectured and taught extensively about the law related to mining, independent power development and forestry and corporations law.
- Project Law Blog, Contributor



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Practices

- Aboriginal Law
- Commercial Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Mining

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Community Activities

- Vancouver Playhouse Society, Former Director
- Anna Wyman Dance Theatre Society, Former Director
- Coach and/or manager of minor hockey, soccer and baseball teams

Bar Admissions

- British Columbia (1977)
- Northwest Territories (1994)
- Nunavut (1999)

Education

- University of Alberta (B.A., 1973)
- University of Toronto (J.D., 1976)

Personal Interests

Chris was a bronze medallist in the 1999 Iron Butt Motorcycle Rally, billed as the “World’s Toughest Motorcycle Rally!”

Experience

- In 2010, represented the buyer of a gold project in Mexico and the sellers of a nickel project in Indonesia, a gold and silver mine in Mexico and a gold mine in Chile and joint ventures and/or project development in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Peru and Serbia and provided three expert witness opinions for litigation purposes
- Represented a Consortium of Korean companies on a strategic investment in a copper mine in Mexico
- Represented the seller of a portfolio of royalties on mineral properties in Spain, Tasmania, Australia, the United States and Canada
- Represented the seller of a royalty on a Mexican silver mine
- Represented the seller of royalties on oil and gas and mining properties to a corporation to provide the basis for the largest IPO in the mining sector in Canada in 2007 and the largest mining-sector IPO in North American history
- Represented a U.S. corporation in a successful takeover of a Canadian public gold mining company
- Continued representation of the operator of a diamond mine in the Northwest Territories in the Canadian Arctic
- Continued representation of a company developing a gold mine in Nunavut in the Eastern Arctic
- Continued representation of a company developing two copper mines in the Yukon
- Represented a Canadian company in the negotiation of private royalties on a mine in Colombia
- Represented the seller of a silver mine under development in Peru
- Represented the purchaser of a nickel mine under development in Russia
- Represented the developer of a nickel mine in Brazil in connection with the negotiation of an engineering, procurement and construction management contract
- Continued representation of the operator of a coal mine in British Columbia
- Represented the seller of a past-producing molybdenum mine in British Columbia



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- Represented the seller of a copper/gold mine under development in British Columbia
- Represented the seller of potash assets in Canada to a large Brazilian purchaser

News / Publications

- Chris Baldwin quoted in *The Financial Post*, (March 24, 2012), Interview
- Lawson Lundell Recognized in *Chambers Global 2012*, (March 19, 2012)
- Supreme Court of Yukon Considers Duty to Consult and “Free Entry” Mining System, (December 9, 2011), Co-author
- Legal Challenges for Mining Companies New to Canada’s North, (November 14, 2011), Author
- Chris Baldwin quoted in *Lexpert Magazine*, (October 3, 2011), Interview
- Chris Baldwin quoted in *The Financial Post*, (July 27, 2011), Interview
- Mining Law Update - Spring 2010, (May 4, 2010)
- Canadian Mining Law, (January 27, 2010), co-authored with Johanna Fipke
- Mining Law Update - Spring 2009, (May 1, 2009)
- Mergers & Acquisitions for the Mining Industry, *The Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ontario*, (December 9, 2008), Co-chair
- Mining Law Update - Spring 2008, (May 8, 2008)
- Mining Law Update - Winter 2008, (April 18, 2008)
- Dealing with Mining Legacy - Some Canadian Approaches, (April 16, 2007)
- Mining Update - Winter 2007, (February 4, 2007)
- National Instrument 43-101: Amendments to Canadian Rules Concerning Mineral Project Disclosure and Technical Reports, (April 16, 2006)
- Selling the Crown Jewels: Diamond Royalties and Marketing Agreements in Canada, (January 29, 2005), co-authored with Peter Webster, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Annual Institute
- Comparing Royalties: NSR vs. NPI, (August 20, 2004)
- Understanding Royalty Structures, (February 28, 2003)

