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Profile

Loyalty, relationships and experience shape our businesses and communities. Kevin is proud to serve clients who share these values as they work to build our city and province. He helps them provide and access the funding required for their commercial enterprises and projects, which form the infrastructure of our community.

Work Highlights

Expo Lands

- > Advice on the financing and development of the former Expo Lands

University of British Columbia

- > Ongoing assistance on financing, expansion and development of UBC lands

Vancouver Port Authority

- > Ongoing support on acquisitions, financing and corporate matters

[Additional work highlights below](#)

Kevin values our clients' commitment to their businesses and brings that same commitment to efficiently meeting their legal requirements.

Services

- > Corporate lending and borrowing
- > Advising on appropriate financing and security structures involving various types of borrowers
- > Syndicated and participation loans
- > Acquisition financing
- > Real estate and construction financing
- > Project financing
- > Financing involving First Nations
- > Cross-border and multi-jurisdictional financing arrangements
- > Trade financing
- > Asset-backed lending
- > Mezzanine financing
- > Multicurrency financing
- > Equipment leasing and financing
- > Aviation financing
- > Automotive dealership financing
- > Debtor in-possession financing
- > Restructuring of existing debt
- > Enforcement and realization of security
- > Corporate restructuring transactions

Kevin's range of experience working through these complex financings is a resource from which he tailors unique and strategic solutions. He excels at working through difficulties, adding a practical viewpoint and providing workable solutions.

Kevin considers it a privilege to be a lawyer. With this privilege comes a responsibility to be a positive influencer and to give back to the community. He has served many local charities and organizations, including:

- > Grizzlies Foundation
- > Hooplaw Charitable Foundation
- > Children's Foundation
- > Covenant House
- > Western Canadian Paediatric AIDS Society
- > Vancouver School Board
- > War Amps
- > Salvation Army
- > Children's Hospital
- > Canuck Place
- > Union Gospel Mission
- > St. Thomas More Collegiate High School
- > Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver

- > Promise for a Cure Society, promoting the Ride for a Cure campaign.
- > Vancouver Ismaili Walk
- > Crofton House School
- > Immaculate Conception School

For this work, Kevin has been honoured with the Canadian Bar Association's 2016 Community Service Award.

With a passion for helping people, whether that be through philanthropy or legal practice, Kevin's goal is to promote growth and drive success in whatever endeavors benefit our clients and the community to which he dedicates his practice.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers® in Canada, Banking and Finance Law, 2019-2025
- > Best Lawyers® in Canada, Real Estate Law, 2021-2025
- > Canadian Bar Association BC Community Service Award, 2016

Industry Involvement

- > Arbutus Club
- > Banking and Real Property subsections of the Canadian Bar Association
- > Canadian Bar Association
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia
- > Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, Lecturer
- > International Council of Shopping Centres
- > Mortgage Investment Association of British Columbia
- > University of British Columbia Law School, Lecturer

Community Commitments

- > Canada Basketball Foundation, Director
- > Hooplaw Charitable Foundation, Co-Founder, Director and former Chair
- > St. Thomas More Collegiate High School, Trustee and former Chair
- > Vancouver Grizzlies Foundation, Former Director and Corporate Secretary
- > Promise for a Cure Society (Juvenile Diabetes), Former Director
- > Fundraising Committee, Ismaili Walk, Former Chair
- > Crofton House School, Former Chair, Golf Committee
- > Capital Campaign Committee and Risk Management Committee, Crofton House School, Former Member
- > Immaculate Conception School, Former Member, Education Committee

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia: 1988
- > University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Laws, 1987
- > Whittier College, Bachelor of Arts in History and English, 1982

Additional Work Highlights

Resort properties

- > Financing the development of resort properties and golf courses at Whistler and throughout North America, including developing a model for the financing and development of resort properties involving fractional interest ownership structures

Professional sports and entertainment organizations

- > Acquisition, financing and disposition

Banks

- > Acted for a major Canadian bank in its capacity as lender of facilities in the aggregate amount of \$94,643,000 in connection with the borrower's corporate restructuring and acquisition of assets in Australia
- > Lender counsel for Bank of China (Canada) in connection with financing the acquisition of a hotel in Whistler, BC
- > Counsel for the Royal Bank of Canada in connection with a \$30,000,000 facility for the construction of a multi-unit residential development

Pension funds

- > Construction and term financing arrangements up to \$750,000,000 for a mixed-use project
- > \$32,500,000 refinancing of major Vancouver hotel
- > \$75,800,000 construction facility for mixed-use development
- > \$52,580,000 financing of office tower and retail mall

Borrowers

- > Revolving construction facilities in connection with the ongoing development of the former Expo lands

Provision of financial services to a range of clients, including:

- > BMO Financial Group
- Royal Bank of Canada
- CTBC Bank Corp. (Canada)
- Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.
- Wells Fargo Commercial Banking
- Bank of China (Canada)
- Holborn Group/TA Group
- Trez Capital Corporation
- Bancorp Financial
- Earlston Investments
- TELUS Garden
- Canadian chartered banks
- Canadian pension funds
- Foreign banks
- Insurance companies
- Trust companies
- Borrowers