



Katie Mak

Partner

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Profile

Insolvency proceedings and business disputes are often stressful times for the parties involved. Katie understands this challenge and offers expert guidance during what are commonly complicated and foreign legal processes. She unravels the law to help clients save resources, preserve business and protect interests, capital and investments.

Katie provides executable solutions on a broad range of insolvency and restructuring issues as well as commercial litigation matters.

Work Highlights

Catalyst Paper Corporation

- > Acting for the senior bond holders

Huldra Mining

- > CCAA acting for the debtor company

The League group of entities

- > CCAA acting for the debtor company

Additional work highlights below

Services

- > Receivership proceedings
- > Bankruptcy matters
- > Insolvency and restructuring
- > Debt recovery
- > Security realization and enforcement
- > Debtor protection
- > Corporate restructuring
- > Collections
- > Priority issues
- > Enforcement of foreign judgments
- > Business disputes
- > Cross-border insolvency proceedings, including Chapter 11 proceedings under the United States Bankruptcy Code
- > Creditors' rights
- > Multi-jurisdictional fraud matters
- > Commercial bankruptcies

Katie has represented clients before the Provincial Court of British Columbia, Supreme Court of British Columbia and the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

With an economics background, Katie understands the interplay between the finances of a business and how best to structure companies and resolve issues to be fiscally reparative. Whether acting for companies in commercial distress, for creditors in recovering debt or for trustees and monitors in restructuring proceedings, Katie provides workable advice that can be readily applied to protect clients.

Our clients appreciate the assurance that Katie provides in her ability to achieve goals for companies and people involved in insolvency proceedings and litigation.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers® in Canada, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law, 2024-2025

Industry Involvement

- > Access Pro Bono Society of British Columbia, volunteer
- > Canadian Bar Association, member, 2013 - Present
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, Insolvency Law Section, executive member
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, member, 2013 - Present

- > International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), Western Canada Network committee member
- > Law Society of British Columbia, 2013 - Present
- > Turnaround Management Association, Northwest Chapter board of directors

Community Commitments

- > Dress for Success British Columbia, volunteer
- > University of Pennsylvania, alumni interview committee

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2013
- > University of Victoria, Juris Doctor (J.D.), 2012
- > University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Arts, 2009

External Publications & Presentations

- > Panelist, "Leading on a File", Future Leaders Conference, Insolvency Insiders, November 2023
- > Panelist, "Clarifying Sealing Orders, Stalking Horse Bids and More", Insolvency Insider, November 2022
- > Speaker, "To Canwest and Beyond: A Look at Priority Charges Securing Professional Fees", co-authored with Claire Wheldon, PwC, Annual Review of Insolvency Law, January 25, 2020
- > Speaker, 17th Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference, February 7, 2020, "How Many Ways Can You Slice a Pie? A Look into Professional Fees and Who is Entitled to a Charge", Panelist, February 7, 2020
- > Author, "Maximizing recoveries to secured creditors in B.C. condo development", The Lawyer's Daily, June 13, 2018
- > Panelist, "Pursuing the Fruits of Fraud: a Comparative Cross-Border Analysis of Ponzi Scheme Recoveries", Turnaround Management Association Annual Conference, September 22-23, 2016
- > Author, "Maximizing Ponzi Payback", The Lawyers Weekly, November 20, 2015
- > Panelist, "Ponzi Schemes and Insolvency Proceedings", Canadian Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Professionals (CAIRP) Annual Conference, August 20-22, 2015

Additional Work Highlights

Yukon Zinc

- > CCAA acting for a purchaser of the assets

Target

- > CCAA acting for a landlord

Samji bankruptcy

- > Acting for the trustee in bankruptcy

The Sunrise group

- > CCAA acting for the company

Tan bankruptcy

- > Acting for the trustee in bankruptcy