

# Bennett Wong

## Partner



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## Overview

Bennett Wong is a partner in the Corporate group and acts as the Calgary office lead for the Securities and Corporate Finance and Mergers and Acquisitions groups. As a trusted business advisor for clients in a wide variety of sectors, including oil and gas, mining, cannabis, agribusiness, chemical, life sciences, healthcare, e-commerce, technology and real estate, Bennett is highly regarded for his pragmatic and proactive approach to bring value and results for his clients.

Bennett has substantial experience in both domestic and international corporate transactions, particularly in the Asia Pacific region, as well as in public and private mergers and acquisitions (including plans of arrangement, takeover bids and reverse takeovers), securities offerings (public offerings and private placements of equity, debt, hybrid and royalty securities), domestic and foreign stock exchange listings and filings, initial public offerings, going-private transactions, cross-border acquisitions and restructurings, real estate financings, proxy fights, special committees, corporate governance, continuous disclosure and regulatory compliance matters.

## Experience

### Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures

- **Dow Inc.:** Advising in connection with the sale of Dow's rail infrastructure assets and related equipment at six major North American sites (including Fort Saskatchewan and Prentiss in Alberta) to Watco Companies, LLC for US\$315 million.
- **Akerna Corp.:** Advising in connection with its cross-border acquisition of Ample Organics Inc. by way of a plan of arrangement.
- **Fire & Flower Holdings Corp.:** Advising in connection with its reverse takeover of Cinaport Acquisition Corp. II and concurrent subscription receipt financing for gross proceeds of approximately CA\$36.5 million.
- **POSCO International Corporation:** Advising in connection with its sale of oil and gas assets in Alberta to Bellatrix Exploration Ltd. and TransGlobe Energy Corporation.
- **Dow Chemical Canada ULC:** Advising in connection with the restructuring of Dow Chemical Canada and

Dow AgroSciences, in conjunction with the merger of Dow and DuPont to create DowDuPont and its subsequent de-merger.

- **Caledonian Royalty Corporation:** Advising in connection with its acquisition of Lario Oil & Gas Company, its acquisition of gross overriding royalties from WCSB GORR Oil & Gas Income Participation 2008-I Limited Partnership, WCSB Oil & Gas Royalty Income 2008-II Limited Partnership and WCSB Oil & Gas Royalty Income 2009 Limited Partnership, and its acquisition of gross overriding royalties from Compton Petroleum Corporation.
- **Niko Resources Ltd.:** Advising in connection with its acquisitions of Voyager Energy Ltd. and Black Gold Energy LLC.
- **Crocotta Energy Inc.:** Advising in connection with its acquisition by Long Run Exploration Ltd. and the spinout of Leucrotta Exploration Inc. and advising in connection with its acquisitions of Diamond Tree Energy Ltd. and Eastshore Energy Ltd.
- **Black Shire Energy Inc.:** Advising in connection with its acquisition by Twin Butte Energy Ltd.
- **Ceno Energy Limited:** Advising in connection with its amalgamation with Sundance Energy Corporation.
- **Loon Energy Inc.:** Advising in connection with its reorganization by way of a plan of arrangement into Kulczyk Oil Ventures Inc. and Loon Energy Corporation.
- **Vault Energy Trust:** Advising in connection with its acquisition by Penn West Energy Trust.
- **Shiningbank Energy Income Fund:** Advising in connection with its combination with PrimeWest Energy Trust.
- **Kick Energy Corporation:** Advising in connection with its acquisition by Highpine Oil & Gas Limited.
- **Pengrowth Energy Trust:** Advising in connection with its acquisition of Crispin Energy Inc.
- **TKE Energy Trust:** Advising in connection with its combination with True Energy Inc. to form True Energy Trust and Vero Energy Inc.
- **TUSK Energy Corporation:** Advising in connection with its combination with Zenas Energy Corp.
- **TUSK Energy Inc.:** Advising in connection with its conversion into TKE Energy Trust and the creation of TUSK Energy Corporation.

## Capital Markets

- **Eight Capital:** Advising a syndicate of underwriters co-led by Eight Capital and BMO Capital Markets in connection with the offering of common shares of Willow Biosciences Inc. by way of a prospectus supplement for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately CA\$28.75 million.
- **ATB Capital Markets:** Advising a syndicate of agents led by ATB Capital Markets in connection with the offering of common shares and common share purchase warrants of Willow Biosciences Inc. by way of a prospectus supplement for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately CA\$11.5 million.
- **Tuatara Capital, L.P.:** Advising in connection with its strategic investment in Willow Biosciences Inc.
- **Persta Resources Inc.:** Advising in connection with its initial public offering and listing on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (the first Canadian oil and gas company listed in Hong Kong since 2012).
- **China Huanqiu Contracting & Engineering Corporation (affiliated with China National Petroleum Corporation):** Advising in connection with its strategic investment in SPEC Engineering Inc.
- **Niko Resources Ltd.:** Advising in connection with its CA\$310 million convertible debenture offering and its CA\$500 million bought deal prospectus offering of common shares.
- **Yangarra Resources Ltd.:** Advising in connection with its various bought deal prospectus offerings of

common shares for combined gross proceeds of CA\$80 million and its CA\$13 million special warrant financing.

- **Canadian Spirit Resources Inc.:** Advising in connection with its CA\$26 million bought deal prospectus offering of common shares.
- **Artumas Group Inc.:** Advising in connection with its initial public offering and listing on the Oslo Stock Exchange.
- **Syndicate of Underwriters:** Advising in connection with a CA\$23 million public offering of common shares of Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd.
- **Syndicate of Underwriters:** Advising in connection with a CA\$62.5 million public offering of common shares of West Energy Ltd.
- **Syndicate of Underwriters:** Advising in connection with various public offerings of trust units of Crescent Point Energy Trust for combined gross proceeds of over CA\$400 million.

## Recognition

- Recognized in *Acritas* as an Acritas Star <sup>TM</sup>(2017–2020)

## In the Media

- "Dentons advises on \$110 million fundraising and AIM listing of Jadestone Energy," August 6, 2018
- Featured in "Calgary companies boast international presence," *Calgary Herald*, July 31, 2018

## Insights

- Co-author, "The role of third parties and stakeholders in a Plan of Arrangement," *Dentons Insights*, March 29, 2021
- Co-author, "Dentons 2021 proxy season guide," *Dentons Insights*, March 8, 2021
- Co-author, "Transportation and logistics trends to watch in 2021," *Dentons Insights*, February 4, 2021
- Co-author, "AgTech and AI – influential agribusiness trends in Alberta," *Dentons Insights*, January 21, 2021
- Co-author, "The challenges of complying with corporate law in a socially distanced COVID-19 world," *Dentons Insights* May 19, 2020
- Co-author, "A survey of the impact of COVID-19 on recent Canadian underwriting agreements," *Dentons Insights*, May 12, 2020
- Co-author, "Strategies for Canadian public companies in a COVID-19 volatile marketplace," *Dentons Insights*, April 9, 2020
- Co-author, "Adapting AGMs to the COVID-19 Era," *Dentons Client Alert*, March 26, 2020
- Co-author, "Dentons 2020 proxy season update," *Dentons Articles*, January 21, 2020.

## Activities and Affiliations

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Calgary Bar Association

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Former Chair and Director, Heritage Park Foundation
- Former Director, Hong Kong – Canada Business Association

## Presentations

- Moderator, "Alternative capital markets financing options," Dentons Securities and Corporate Finance webinar series, August 12, 2020
- Presenter, "Hong Kong IPO – Legal Considerations in Canada," Dentons Calgary Breakfast Seminar, January 14, 2019
- Presenter, "Hong Kong IPO – Legal Considerations in Canada," Dentons Vancouver Breakfast Seminar, January 11, 2019

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Corporate
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions

### Industry sectors

- Technology
- Life Sciences and Health Care
- Private Equity
- Financial Institutions
- Mining
- Oil and Gas
- Cannabis
- HealthTech

### Issues and opportunities

- Cannabis in Canada

## Education

- York University, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2008, LL.M.
- Canadian Securities Institute, 2003, Canadian Securities Course

- University of British Columbia, 2001, National Committee on Accreditation Certificate
- Western New England University School of Law, 1999, JD
- University of Wisconsin at Madison, 1996, BA, Economics and Political Science

## Admissions and qualifications

- Alberta, 2004
- British Columbia, 2002
- District of Columbia, 2003
- New York, 2003

## Languages

- Cantonese
- English