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Overview

Donald (Don) Leitch is a Partner in our Calgary office. Don's practice focuses on securities, business and energy law with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and corporate reorganizations.

Don represents a variety of junior and mid-size private and public companies in the oil & gas, mining, service, high tech and industrial sectors.

With a respected track record in mergers and acquisitions, Don's counsel includes corporate plans of arrangement, formal take over-bid transactions, and asset and share purchase and sale transactions. Within his securities practice, he covers all matters related to the sale or purchase of securities including private placements, initial public offerings and prospectus offerings. He also advises on securities commission regulatory compliance and stock exchange requirements, along with corporate governance, management and director obligations. Don has acted for public mutual funds as well as private venture capital funds and limited partnerships and has assisted in the registration of exempt market dealers, investment dealers and mutual fund dealers.

In addition to his extensive securities experience Don has expertise in general corporate law, oil & gas law and commercial transactions. He has acted for clients involved in oil and gas transactions domestically as well as internationally for clients holding interests in Russia, Spain, Italy and Tunisia. Don's activities in the Asian market include presentations at Global Resource Investments Conferences in Shenzhen, China in December, 2012, entitled "Canada's Oil and Gas Resources: Recent Developments of Interest to an International Investor" and in Shanghai in June, 2013 entitled "Considerations for Foreign Investment in the Canadian Oil and Gas Industry".

Don is a former member of the Calgary Advisory Committee to the TSX Venture Exchange and is a former member of the board of Frontier College Foundation, a national literacy foundation. He also sits as an officer or director of a number of private and public companies and is a past president of the Calgary Winter Club.

Recognition

First recognized in 2013, Don has been commended for his extensive knowledge and experience in the following respected publications:

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada: Mining Law; Corporate Law; Energy Law; Private Funds Law*

- *The Legal 500 Canada*: Corporate M&A

Honors and Awards

- Named "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers* for Private Funds Law, Calgary (2022)
- Queen's Counsel, January 2010

Activities and Affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Calgary Bar Association
- Member of the Calgary Local Advisory Committee for the TSX Venture Exchange

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

Community Involvement

- Alberta Ski Cross Association, Frontier College Foundation, Calgary Winter Club

Pro Bono

- Alberta Ski Cross Association

Areas of focus

Practices

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

Industry sectors

- Energy
- Financial Institutions
- Mining
- Private Equity

Education

- University of Alberta, 1982, LLB
- University of Lethbridge, 1976, B.Ed, Physical Science

- University of Lethbridge, 1975, BSc, Chemistry

Admissions and qualifications

- Alberta, 1983