

# Kimberly Burns

## Partner



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## Overview

Kimberly Burns is a partner in our Corporate group. Based in the Vancouver office, Kimberly offers clients a broad range of experience in corporate and commercial transactions, with an emphasis on public and private mergers and acquisitions, commercial agreements, corporate governance, international structuring, and partnering agreements.

Kimberly advises global cannabis clients on public and private strategic acquisitions and regulatory matters. She has experience with the British Columbia and Federal regulations, and provides industry specific advice for commercial clients in the cannabis industry.

Kimberly's mining practice focuses on mining and renewable energy investment, royalty streaming and agreements, public offerings and exempt placements, joint venture and transaction structuring, corporate finance, takeovers, cross-border transactions, corporate-planning advisory services, secured transactions, asset securitizations, and franchising agreements

Kimberly also has experience with blockchain technology businesses, including private equity investing, tokenization of products, and regulatory advice. Kimberly draws upon her experience with securities regulators and public mergers and acquisitions to advise in the emerging blockchain and cryptocurrency markets.

## Experience

- **Slang Worldwide Inc. (formerly Fire Cannabis Inc.):** Advising the corporation in connection with its long form qualifying prospectus and CSE listing and related acquisitions.
- **AIM2 Ventures Inc.:** Advising in relation to the completion of its qualifying transaction with Canopy Rivers Corporation.
- **Lions Gate Capital Holdings LLC:** Advising in connection with its US\$550 million offering of 6.375% senior notes due 2024.
- **Confidential client:** Advising in connection with an acquisition by plan of arrangement and dual listing of a Global resource company.

- **Private equity fund:** Advising with respect to investing in blockchain technology.
- **Renewable energy resource business:** Advising with respect to global investments and royalty streaming.
- **International mining group:** Advising a 2017 reverse-takeover on the TSX-V.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising on a plan of arrangement under the CBCA merging two public companies in a transaction valued at CA\$3.5 billion.
- **Asset management company:** Advising in connection to its acquisition of a U.S. public company in a transaction valued at US\$411 million.
- **Confidential client:** Advising on the commercial purchase and financing of an NHL franchise and arena.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising for various purchasers and vendors in numerous share and asset purchase transactions involving a wide variety of industries and primarily private companies.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising for various companies on a number of international reorganizations, including reorganizations involving the transfer of assets values, on average, between US\$50 million and US\$100 million, and the formation of various corporate entities in Canada and the US.
- **Turquoise Hills Resources Ltd.:** Advising on the CA\$1.8 billion rights offering with ongoing international bridge financing and project financing for the Oyu Tolgoi project.
- **SouthGobi Resources Ltd.:** Advising on the USD\$500 million convertible debenture issued to China Investment Corporation.
- **Urasia Energy Ltd.:** Advising in its reverse take-over of srx Uranium One by plan of arrangement.

## Recognition

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in Canada* as one of Canada's leading lawyers in Corporate Law (2020)

## Insights

- Co-author, "CRA's Tax Treatment of Cryptocurrencies: Not a Currency but a Commodity", *MLT Aikins Insights*, March 20, 2018
- Co-author, "ASIC Fintech Exemption: A Model For Canada?", *MLT Aikins Insights*, March 13, 2018
- Co-author, "What Does the SEC Say About Token Offerings?", *MLT Aikins Insights*, February 27, 2018
- Co-author, "The Future of Blockchain Mining – POW or POS?", *MLT Aikins Insights*, February 13, 2018
- Co-author, "Blockchain Mining 101", *MLT Aikins Insights*, February 5, 2018
- Co-author, "Is Your Token a Security?", *MLT Aikins Insights*, January 29, 2018
- Co-author, "Ethereum, Ether and Smart Contracts", *MLT Aikins Insights*, January 15, 2018
- Co-author, "Cryptocurrency: What Is Bitcoin and Why Is It Valuable?", *MLT Aikins Insights*, January 8, 2018
- Co-author, "What is Blockchain?", *MLT Aikins Insights*, January 2, 2018
- Co-author, "CSA Looks to Reduce Regulatory Burden For Reporting Issuers, Request Feedback", *MLT Aikins Insights*, June 13, 2017

## Activities and Affiliations

## Presentations

- Presenter, "Face it, we're a mining Hub. How do we stay strong in a changing environment?", AME MinEx Talks, Vancouver, April 2019
- Moderator, "Cannabis Goes Global - Trends in International Markets", *Arcview Investor Forum*, Vancouver, April 2019

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- IPOs and Public Offerings
- Joint Ventures
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies

### Industry sectors

- Private Equity
- Mining
- Technology

### Issues and opportunities

- Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology
- Canadian Cannabis Industry

## Education

- The University of British Columbia, 2004, JD
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## Admissions and qualifications

- British Columbia, 2005

## Languages

- English