

# Riley Dearden

## Associate



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## Overview

Riley Dearden is an associate in our Corporate group. Riley's practice focuses on corporate finance, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, securities and corporate reorganizations. He also has experience assisting clients with corporate financings, asset and share transactions. Riley has proven himself particularly adept at responding to the unique needs of each of his clients, having advised diverse groups in both the private and public sectors on a range of transactions.

## Experience

- **Echelon Wealth Partners Inc.:** Acted for Echelon Wealth Partners Inc. ("Echelon") as part of a syndicate of underwriters in connection with the offering of 45,454,600 units of National Access Cannabis Corp. d/b/a Meta Growth for gross proceeds of CA\$10,000,000.
- **Rocky Mountain Dealerships Inc.:** Advising Rocky Mountain Dealerships Inc., Canada's largest agricultural equipment dealer, on its CA\$195-million go-private transaction.
- **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 \$11.5 million.
- **Shaw Communications Inc.:** Advising Shaw Communications Inc. on its filing of a short form base shelf prospectus for up to \$3 billion of Debt Securities, Class B Non-Voting Participating Shares, Class 1 Preferred Shares, Class 2 Preferred Shares, Warrants, Subscription Receipts, Share Purchase Contracts and Units.
- **Shaw Communications Inc.:** Advising Shaw Communications Inc. on its aggregate CA\$800 million dual-tranche offering of 3.30% Medium Term Notes due 2029 and 4.25% Medium Term Notes due 2049.
- **Shaw Communications Inc.:** Advising Shaw Communications Inc. on its offering of CA\$500 million principal amount of 2.90% Medium Term Notes due 2030.
- **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 \$36.5 million.

## Insights

- Co-author, "AgTech and AI – influential agribusiness trends in Alberta," *Dentons Insights*, January 21, 2021
- Author, "Results of CSA continuous disclosure review – Focus on forward-looking information, insider reporting and COVID-19 disclosure," *Dentons Insights*, December 10, 2020
- Co-author, "A survey of the impact of COVID-19 on recent Canadian underwriting agreements," *Dentons Insights*, May 12, 2020

## Activities and Affiliations

### Memberships

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Calgary Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Alberta

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Corporate
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions

### Industry sectors

- Energy
- Financial Institutions
- Private Equity

## Education

- University of New Brunswick, 2014, Juris Doctor
- University of Calgary - Haskayne School of Business, 2010, Bachelor of Commerce, International Business

## Admissions and qualifications

- Alberta, 2015

## Languages

- English