

Clark Wilson LLP names new Managing Partner James Speakman

[Vancouver, BC – April 1, 2014] Clark Wilson LLP is pleased to announce that James Speakman has been appointed Managing Partner of the firm, effective April 1, 2014.

James' career of over 25 years effectively combines legal practice with the business experience earned through over a decade of executive-level leadership positions in BC's private sector real estate industry. He brings this combination of business and legal experience to his new role.

James practices in the firm's real estate and corporate finance groups. Since joining Clark Wilson in 2001, he has acted on behalf of developers and investment groups in a wide range of real estate projects with a unique focus on matching equity with real estate: he has acted for clients on public offerings totalling over \$1.1 billion and property acquisitions of over \$2.5 billion. James will continue to conduct his practice during his term as Managing Partner.

James has played a pivotal role on numerous firm committees, including the Executive Committee, the Premises Committee responsible for the firm's recent expansive renovation, and several initiatives focused on succession and planning.

James succeeds Bill Helgason, who has served as head of the firm since 2001. Commenting on Bill's leadership and retirement from the partnership, James said: "We would like to express our sincerest thanks for Bill's leadership, including the last 13 years that he served as our Managing Partner. He has led the firm through a period of significant growth and development, and his wise guidance and tireless efforts have positioned us very well. I look forward to building on this strong foundation, and I am excited about Clark Wilson's future."

