



Brock Johnston

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Partner

Aboriginal Business
Infrastructure, Construction & Procurement
Higher Learning
Banking, Insolvency & Restructuring
Commercial Real Estate
General Business Law

Profile

Experience and creativity are vital to a company's growth. Having practiced law for over 30 years, Brock anticipates issues, identifies opportunities and develops effective solutions that support our clients' business.

Work Highlights

Musqueam Capital Corp. and MST (Jericho 2016) Limited Partnership

- > Advice regarding real estate and development issues with respect to the Block F project on the University Endowment Lands and the Province Jericho Lands
- > General advice on other real estate assets, asset and property management issues, corporate matters and commercial contracts

Orgaworld Canada Ltd.

- > Successful bid on the Surrey Biofuel Processing Facility

- > Assisting with proposals for various initiatives in BC and Alberta

Additional work highlights below

Brock identifies opportunities and challenges and distills complex issues into constructive solutions. He works in collaboration with clients to formulate contractual agreements that protect their interests and bring their goals to fruition.

Services

- > Commercial real estate
- > Procurement and construction
- > Purchase and sale of businesses
- > Public-private partnerships
- > Advising the advanced education sector and First Nations on real estate and commercial issues
- > Commercial lending for borrowers and lenders, including senior secured, mezzanine, project and-asset backed lending facilities
- > Joint ventures and business combinations

For his work, Brock has been Lexpert-ranked in infrastructure and property leasing and is Best Lawyers-ranked for commercial real estate.

As a member of industry organizations, Brock is exposed to the issues that affect clients from a business perspective. This insight positions him on the leading edge of industry trends, including:

- > Working with First Nations on commercial ventures, including the development of real estate assets
- > Involvement with BC's first public-private partnerships
- > Helping universities and other publicly funded organizations develop property trusts

It is Brock's passion to work on commercial projects that achieve public interest objectives-helping clients in their pursuits to build and improve the community and the province of BC.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers in Canada, Real Estate Law
- > Lexpert, Infrastructure, Lexpert Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers (Special Edition, September 2014)
- > Lexpert, Property leasing, 2014

Industry Involvement

- > Law Society of Upper Canada (1983 - 2004)
- > Canadian Bar Association
- > Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships
- > Canadian Association of University Solicitors
- > Urban Development Institute
- > Association des juristes d'expression française de la Colombie-Britannique

Community Commitments

- > UBC Law School, Continuing Legal Education Society, and Canadian Institute - Lecturer and Writer
- > Gerson Lehrman Educators Program

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia: 1990
- > Juris Doctor, University of Toronto, 1981
- > Bachelor of Arts (Honours, English), York University, 1977

Languages

- > French

External Publications & Presentations

- > Allocating Risk Effectively, Canadian Institute's 8th Annual Managing Risk in Construction Contracts West Program, January 20-21 2016

Additional Work Highlights

Institutions of higher learning

- > Including, over the years, BCIT, UBC, SFU, University of the Fraser Valley, Vancouver Island University, UNBC and Royal Road University
- > Advice to numerous institutions of higher learning on acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, financing of projects, property trusts, relationships with student union and other matters

Dream Group of Companies, including Dream Office REIT, Dream Industrial REIT, Dream Office Management Corporation

- > Acquisitions, leasing, financing and property management issues for BC properties
- > Advice on corporate matters and opinions in respect of Dream companies governed by BC law

Canadian Real Estate Investment Trust (CREIT)

- > Acquisitions, leasing, financing and property management issues for BC properties
- > Advice on corporate matters and opinions in respect of CREIT companies governed by BC law

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

- > External counsel on the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project

Public and private sector agencies and contractors

- > Various infrastructure and public-private partnerships

Kensington Square Plaza - a shopping centre in Burnaby BC

- > All issues relating to leasing, financing, property management and structuring of ownership

Landlords and tenants

- > Office leases, shopping centre leases, ground leases, leases of First Nations land and other interests in real estate

Corporations and partnerships and their assets

- > Acquisitions, dispositions, combinations and financings