



Brent Meckling

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Profile

Brent is a senior litigator and chair of the firm's Business Litigation Group with over 30 years of experience bringing and responding to claims related to shareholder and partnership disputes, commercial contracts, real estate development and land use and contaminated sites, among others. He works closely with his clients to develop astute and effective legal strategies, tailored to their specific needs and goals. Brent understands the stakes of litigation and its impact on reputation and commercial focus.

He has acted as trial and appellate counsel in a range of business disputes and regulatory proceedings on behalf of entrepreneurs, corporations, First Nations, and institutional clients. He is listed as a leading corporate and commercial litigator in The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. Brent also has significant experience using the tools of confidential mediation and arbitration to resolve contested matters.

Services

- > Real estate and land use disputes
- > Contaminated sites
- > Shareholder and partnership disputes
- > Breach of commercial contracts
- > Injunctions
- > Alternate dispute resolution

Brent is adept in environmental disputes and contaminated sites law in British Columbia, acting as counsel on several leading cases under the BC Environmental Management Act, and is the author of the Environmental Disputes Chapter of the British Columbia Business Disputes Manual published by the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC.

Brent holds degrees in law and finance and is a frequent presenter to business and professional organizations. He is trusted for his clear, insightful, and pragmatic advice and absolute focus on protecting and advancing his clients' business interests.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers in Canada, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2019 - 2022

Industry Involvement

- > Canadian Bar Association, member
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, member
- > Law Society of British Columbia, member

Community Involvement

- > Coach, North Shore Winter Club Minor Hockey 1998 - 2015

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar, British Columbia, 1992
- > University of British Columbia, LL.B, 1991
- > University of Calgary, B.Comm, finance major, 1988; 4 year member and Captain, Varsity Hockey Team

External Presentations & Publications

- > Five key benefits of including an arbitration clause to your agreements, author, Law360 Canada, March 30, 2023
- > Application of Force Majeure Clauses During a Pandemic, presenter, Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, April 21, 2020
- > Contract Performance, presenter, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, April 6, 2020
- > 5 Tips for Handling Commercial Leases and Contracts During COVID-19 and Beyond, speaker, BCBusiness, April 1, 2020
- > Show Your Work, author, Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia's BarTalk magazine, December 2018
- > Environmental Disputes chapters, author, British Columbia Business Disputes Manual, published by the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia
- > Responsible Person Status Under the Environmental Management Act, guest speaker, Pacific Legal & Business Institute's Contaminated Sites in British Columbia
- > Various presentations for the Canadian Bar Association's national Environmental section