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Profile

Loyalty, relationships and experience shape our businesses and communities. Kevin is proud to serve clients who share these values as they work to build our city and province. He helps them provide and access the funding required for their commercial enterprises and projects, which form the infrastructure of our community.

Work Highlights

Kevin values our clients' commitment to their businesses and brings that same commitment to efficiently meeting their legal requirements.

Kevin provides legal services to borrowers and lenders in connection with some of British Columbia's most complex and significant corporate financing matters. This includes the former Expo lands; Vancouver Port Authority; UBC expansion and financing; Park Royal Shopping Centre; Rogers Arena; the acquisition, financing and disposition of the Vancouver Canucks and Vancouver Grizzlies; and financing of the Whistler/Blackcomb expansion and ski resort developments across North America. Kevin acts for various financial institutions, including domestic banks, foreign banks, trust companies, life insurance companies, pension funds and a number of other public and private lenders. He also acts on behalf of several real estate owners and developers.

Services

- > Corporate lending and borrowing
- > Advising on appropriate financing and security structures involving various types of borrowers
- > Syndicated and participation loans
- > Acquisition financing
- > Real estate and construction financing
- > Project financing
- > Financing involving First Nations
- > Cross-border and multi-jurisdictional financing arrangements
- > Trade financing
- > Asset-backed lending
- > Mezzanine financing
- > Multicurrency financing
- > Equipment leasing and financing
- > Aviation financing
- > Automotive dealership financing
- > Debtor in-possession financing
- > Restructuring of existing debt
- > Enforcement and realization of security
- > Corporate restructuring transactions

Kevin's range of experience working through these complex financings is a resource from which he tailors unique and strategic solutions. He excels at working through difficulties, adding a practical viewpoint and providing workable solutions.

Kevin considers it a privilege to be a lawyer, and with that privilege comes the responsibility to be a positive influence and to give back to both the community and the profession. He has served numerous local charities and organizations throughout his career and continues to serve as a Director of the Canada Basketball Foundation, helping expand opportunities and support for youth and community groups across Canada through safe, inclusive, and accessible basketball programming.

Over his tenure, he has been a tireless advocate and mentor to hundreds of law students and young lawyers, helping them to strengthen their legal practice, navigate the profession and career decisions, and instill the role we all have in giving back. For over 20 years, Kevin ran Clark Wilson's Student Recruitment Committee, overseeing the articling program and advising on the recruitment and retention of articulated students as associates. Kevin is also founder of the Hooplax Charitable Basketball Tournament, the largest and most successful charitable endeavour within British Columbia's legal profession, which has raised over \$1,900,000 to date for local charities across the province. In recognition of his ongoing service to the community, Kevin was honoured with the Canadian Bar Association's 2016 Community Supporter Award.

His community involvement includes service with the following organizations:

- > Grizzlies Foundation
- > Hooplax Charitable Foundation

- > Children's Foundation
- > Covenant House
- > Western Canadian Paediatric AIDS Society
- > Vancouver School Board
- > War Amps
- > Salvation Army
- > Children's Hospital
- > Canuck Place
- > Union Gospel Mission
- > St. Thomas More Collegiate High School
- > Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver
- > Promise for a Cure Society, promoting the Ride for a Cure campaign.
- > Vancouver Ismaili Walk
- > Crofton House School
- > Immaculate Conception School

He is consistently recognized by his peers across the country as a Best Lawyer® in Canada for Banking and Finance Law (2019 – 2026) and Real Estate Law (2021 – 2026). In 2026, Kevin was appointed King's Counsel by the Attorney General for British Columbia, awarded in recognition of the highest standards of professional integrity, character, and excellence in the practice of law.

With a passion for helping people, whether that be through philanthropy or legal practice, Kevin's goal is to promote growth and drive success in whatever endeavors benefit our clients and the community to which he dedicates his practice.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Appointed King's Counsel, 2026
- > Best Lawyers® in Canada, Banking and Finance Law, 2019-2026
- > Best Lawyers® in Canada, Real Estate Law, 2021-2026
- > Canadian Bar Association BC Community Service Award, 2016

Industry Involvement

- > Arbutus Club
- > Banking and Real Property subsections of the Canadian Bar Association
- > Canadian Bar Association
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia
- > Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, Lecturer
- > International Council of Shopping Centres
- > Mortgage Investment Association of British Columbia
- > University of British Columbia Law School, Lecturer

Community Commitments

- > Canada Basketball Foundation, Director

- > Hooplaw Charitable Foundation, Co-Founder, Director and former Chair
- > St. Thomas More Collegiate High School, Trustee and former Chair
- > Vancouver Grizzlies Foundation, Former Director and Corporate Secretary
- > Promise for a Cure Society (Juvenile Diabetes), Former Director
- > Fundraising Committee, Ismaili Walk, Former Chair
- > Crofton House School, Former Chair, Golf Committee
- > Capital Campaign Committee and Risk Management Committee, Crofton House School, Former Member
- > Immaculate Conception School, Former Member, Education Committee

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia: 1988
- > University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Laws, 1987
- > Whittier College, Bachelor of Arts in History and English, 1982