



### Rick Bennett

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Rick Bennett has over 30 years of experience advising businesses and corporations on complex tax issues.

Rick's well-established practice focuses on income tax planning, mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations and both inbound and outbound international taxation. He has served as lead tax counsel on several billion-dollar acquisitions and regularly advises clients in tax disputes with the Canada Revenue Agency. Rick has also appeared as counsel in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, British Columbia Court of Appeal, Tax Court of Canada and the Federal Court of Appeal.

Active in the tax community, Rick currently serves on the Board of Governors at the Canadian Tax Foundation and is a contributing editor to Bloomberg's *Tax Manager's International Forum*.

### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

### EXPERIENCE

- Provided tax advice to TRG Group Benefits and Pensions Inc., a leading employee benefits advisory firm, in its acquisition by US based Hub International Limited.
- Lead Canadian tax counsel for a US private equity acquisition of a BC-based international retail/manufacturing business, March 2013.
- Lead international tax counsel to a Canadian public gold exploration and mining company with interests in Asia, Australia and Central America.
- Lead tax counsel on a \$1-billion reorganization of a public real estate investment trust, 2010-11.
- Lead tax counsel to a major Canadian biotech company on formation of offshore joint venture with a European partner.

### CREDENTIALS

### RELATED SERVICES

- Tax
- International Tax Counsel
- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate Structuring

### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

## Admissions

- British Columbia, 1983

## Recognitions

- *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Corporate Tax), 2010-2011, 2014-2016
- Martindale-Hubbell® BV® Distinguished™ 4.4 out of 5 Peer Review Rated.

## Education

- LL.B., University of Calgary, 1982
- M.A., University of Toronto, 1978
- B.A. (Hons.), Trent University, 1976

## Memberships

- Canadian Contributing Editor, *Tax Managers' International Forum* (Bloomberg)
- Governor, Canadian Tax Foundation
- Member, International Fiscal Association, Canada Branch
- Founding member, BC Tax Study Group
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Director, Chor Leoni Men's Choir
- Past Director, EnChor Chamber Choir
- Past Chair and Governor, Collingwood School Society, 1997-2003
- Past Director, Children's Arthritis Foundation
- Past Director, Vancouver Bach Choir

## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. in completion of acquisition by Universal mCloud Corp.**

17 JUL 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. in completion of its acquisition by Universal mCloud Corp. in a three party transaction also involving Fulcrum Automation Technologies Ltd.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acting for Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. in three-party transaction with Universal mCloud Corp. and Fulcrum Automation Technologies**

26 APR 2019

Universal mCloud Corp., Fulcrum Automation Technologies and Autopro Automation Consultants Ltd. have announced the signing of letters of intent for a transaction under which Autopro and Fulcrum will be acquired by mCloud for consideration of cash and shares. DLA Piper Canada is acting on behalf of Autopro in this three-party transaction.

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**DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acts for CaixaBank in opening first Representative Office in Canada**

18 JAN 2019

We represented Caixabank, one of the largest banks in Spain, in connection with the establishment of its first representative office in Canada.

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**DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for TRG Group Benefits and Pensions Inc. in acquisition by Hub International Limited**

14 JAN 2019

DLA Piper Canada acted on behalf of the seller, TRG Group Benefits and Pensions Inc., in its acquisition by Hub International Limited.

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