



### Catherine Gibson

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Catherine Gibson is the Managing Partner of the firm's Vancouver office. She is a business lawyer with a practice that focusses on corporate/commercial and real estate matters.

Catherine has over 20 years' experience providing strategic advice to her clients in a broad range of commercial matters, including:

- mergers, acquisitions and sales
- corporate finance and lending
- office, retail and industrial leasing
- real estate development
- joint ventures, partnerships and corporate reorganization

She represents clients involved in a wide variety of industries including developers, municipalities, public health authorities, forest product companies, restaurateurs, secured lenders, asset managers, real estate trusts, manufacturers, as well as lessors, retailers and financiers of equipment, vehicles and aircraft.

Catherine served as a member of the firm's National Executive Committee from 2013 to 2015. She was a judicial law clerk at the British Columbia Court of Appeal in 1995-1996.

She serves on the Steering Committee for DLA Piper Canada's Legal Alliance for Women (LAW) and is the Canadian liaison to the Steering Committee for Global LAW.

#### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

#### EXPERIENCE

#### RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Real Estate
- Aviation

#### RELATED SECTORS

- Financial Services
- Health Law

#### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

- Advised TRG Group Benefits and Pensions Inc., a leading employee benefits advisory firm, in its acquisition by US based Hub International Limited.
- Acted for a major US-based lender in the refinancing of and collateral substitution for an \$80 million dollar loan secured by hotel properties
- Acted for the buyer in a \$205 million purchase of an office tower with 414,000 square feet of 'AAA' Class office space
- Acted for Brookfield Infrastructure Partners L.P. in the \$170 million sale of its remaining 25% interest in Island Timberlands Limited Partnership
- Counsel to Mountain Equipment Co-operative in connection with the development and leasing of stores in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec
- Represented Western Forest Products Inc. in the \$21.8 million sale of its former Pulp Mill Site to Woodfibre LNG Limited
- Acted for the borrower in a syndicated financing and subsequent amendments and renewals for a US \$55 million credit facility related to restaurants operating across Canada and in the US
- Represented Pacific Coast Terminals Co. Ltd in the negotiation of a long term contract for the handling and storage of potash products from K+S Potash Canada's Legacy mine, which included the amendment of their ground lease with Port Metro Vancouver and advising on numerous other legal matters related to the expansion of their existing bulk terminal located in Port Moody estimated to exceed \$200 million
- Acted for several not-for-profit housing providers in connection with complex air space parcel developments involving multiple stake holders
- Represented the borrower, a publically traded REIT, in establishing a \$40 million credit facility secured by commercial properties in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario

## CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

- British Columbia, 1996

### Recognitions

- Women's Executive Network (WXN) Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winner, 2018
- *Chambers Canada* (Real Estate: British Columbia), 2019
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Property Leasing), 2017-2020
- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Real Estate Law), 2015-2021

### Education

- LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1994
- B.A., Eng. Lit., University of British Columbia, 1991

### Memberships

- Member, Urban Development Institute
- Member of the Advisory Board, Western Canada General Counsel Awards, 2015 and 2017
- Former Director, Forum for Women Entrepreneurs BC
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Canadian Bar Association (Real Property, Banking and Health Subsections)

### Other Activities

- Member, Editorial Board of Commercial Leasing Annotated Precedents (The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia), 2005-2018
- Author of Annual Updates to Law Society of BC Practice Checklist Manual for Commercial Lease Drafting and Commercial Lease Procedure

## INSIGHTS

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### Events

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Leasing to Tech Companies", Pacific Business & Law Institute, March 2020
- Speaker, "Rapid Fire Legal Roundtable: From Government Regulations and Policies to Lease Clauses and Case Law that you need to understand", Vancouver Real Estate Strategy & Leasing Conference, October 2019
- Panelist, "Grit and Growth Mindsets", CBA Leadership Conference for Professional Women, November 2015

## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for DIF Capital Partners in 900 MW Canadian power project investment**

31 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on behalf of DIF Capital Partners in connection with its investment in the 900-megawatt Cascade Power Project. DIF will invest in the construction of Cascade together with joint equity sponsors OPTrust and Axium Infrastructure.

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### **DLA Piper Canada increases rankings in 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada***

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 79 of our lawyers across 35 practice areas recognized in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide, resulting in our best showing with the guide since its inception.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP increases rankings in the 2020 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory***

24 APR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that we have significantly increased the number of lawyers ranked as leading practitioners in the 2020 edition of the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.

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### **DLA Piper Canada lawyers recognized in 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada***

21 AUG 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to see 70 of our lawyers across 34 practice areas recognized in the 2020 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide.

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### **DLA Piper (Canada) LLP ranked in 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory***

3 MAY 2019

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DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that thirty-eight of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2019 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

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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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**Catherine Gibson named one of Women's Executive Network 2018 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winner**

22 NOV 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to congratulate Catherine Gibson, Managing Partner of the firm's Vancouver office, on being named a Women's Executive Network (WXN) 2018 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winner presented by KPMG.

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**DLA Piper Canada recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2019**

27 SEP 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized as an industry leader in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Canada*. With 34 lawyers recognized across 20 practices areas, this is DLA Piper Canada's strongest showing to date.

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**MEDIA MENTIONS**

- Mentioned, "Revera and Axium Infrastructure form joint venture," *Lexpert Magazine: Big Real Estate*, July/August 2018 Issue