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Morgan McDonald is a business lawyer, practising corporate and commercial law with startup and growth companies. Morgan's practice is focused on assisting founders, startup and growth companies in the technology sector, including software, gaming, ecommerce and related technology facing businesses and emerging markets including artificial intelligence, cloud computing and privacy.

Morgan has also been heavily involved in assisting clients in the emerging cannabis sector since inception and has helped companies navigate new regulation and rapid growth in the space. Regardless of the industry, Morgan provides value to new and repeat entrepreneurs using a business centric and practical approach to solving business and legal needs from incorporation through exit.

Morgan assists clients at early stages with long and short term planning in company formation and shareholder and founder agreements. As they grow, she assists clients with IP creation, commercialization, and management, go-to-market contract drafting and negotiation including development, licencing and subscription agreements, employment and contractor agreements and compensation plans, and ongoing contract review. As needs arise, Morgan assists companies and investors with debt and equity financing from friends and family and seed through series rounds and private equity and venture capital opportunities by negotiating and managing transactions from term sheet through close.

Morgan is active in the startup community, partnering as a mentor with a number of accelerators and incubators and speaking regularly to entrepreneurs and providing office hours.

Prior to earning her LL.M. from the University of British Columbia, Morgan externed at the United States District Court for the Central District of California and was called to the California State Bar.

**IDIOMAS**

- Inglés

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Corporate
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Private Equity
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Commercial Contracts
- Data Protection, Privacy and Security
- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing
- Video Games and Interactive Entertainment Law

- Technology
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

Inglés

## EXPERIENCIA

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Morgan's recent experience includes advising:

- Seequent in its acquisition by Bentley Systems, Incorporated for US\$1.05 billion.
- Seaspine in its acquisition by plan of arrangement of 7D Surgical for a purchase price of US\$110 million.
- Eight Capital in its underwriting of Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. marketed offering of an aggregate of 3,303,000 units of the company at a price of \$7.57 per unit for gross proceeds of approximately \$25,000,000.
- Psilo Scientific Ltd. in its sale to Filament Ventures Corp.
- Delic Holdings Inc. in its acquisition of Complex Biotech Discovery Ventures Ltd.

## CREDENCIALES

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### Admisión

- British Columbia, 2013
- California, 2011

### Reconocimientos

- *The Legal 500 Canada (Technology)*, 2022

### Formación

- LL.M., University of British Columbia, 2012
- Certificate of Qualification, Federation of Law Societies Canada, 2012
- Juris Doctor (Cum Laude, Dean's List), Southwestern Law School, 2011
- BA (Magna Cum Laude), California State University, 2007

### Asociaciones profesionales

- Law Society of British Columbia
- State Bar of California
- American Bar Association

## NOVEDADES

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### Publicaciones

- Author, Recap from Innovations in Mobility and Transportation Quarterly Series, November 2019
- Author, The Next Phase of Canadian Cannabis, October 2019
- Author, Regulation of CBD in the United States – Balancing Public Safety and Social Considerations with Industry Expectations and Consumer Demand, June 2019
- Author, The Next Phase of Canadian Cannabis: What to Expect in 2019 and Beyond, June 2019
- Author, Crowdfunding in BC? Your Pool of Potential Investors has Grown, September 2018
- Author, [Insert Name Here]: Tips to Consider in Naming Your Business, April 2017
- Author, Tips for Startups – So You Want to Crowdfund?, August 2016

- Author, Tips for Startups – The Scope and Limitations of Non-Disclosure Agreements, August 2016
- Author, Tips for Startups – Intellectual Property and its Value to Your Company, August 2016
- Author, B.C.'s New Societies Act: A primer on transition & what your pre-existing society needs to know, May 2016
- Author, Top Ten (Legal) Tips for Startups, February 2016

## Eventos

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Effectively Handling AI Legal and Ethical Issues,” 2019 CAN-TECH LAW Annual Conference, October 28, 2019
- Speaker, “CLE-TV: Cannabis and Intellectual Property Issues,” Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, May 2019

### NOTICIAS

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#### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2022**

28 April 2022

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 74 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1 2022 in the United States and May 1 2022 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. Promotions have been made across all of the firm's practice areas, spanning 38 offices in 21 countries.

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