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David Stratton, Q.C. practises in the area of corporate/commercial law with an emphasis on complex commercial matters and disputes, partnership and shareholder relationships and disputes, and mergers and acquisitions.

David also practises in the area of pension and benefits law, where he acts for, and provides comprehensive advice to, the sponsors, governing bodies and administrators of pension and other forms of benefit plans.

David has extensive experience in providing strategic advice and opinions to builders and owners, secured lenders, businesses and individuals, and others in construction matters, secured lending, corporate restructuring, shareholder and partner disputes and general commercial matters.

David is one of the contributing authors to both the O'Brien's Encyclopedia of Forms: Commercial and General, Division I series (Sales chapter) and the O'Brien's – Corporations, Division II series (Alberta). These comprehensive collections of forms and precedents are now in their 11th edition.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

- Construction Law
- Corporate
- Corporate Services
- Corporate Structuring
- Pensions and Employee Benefits
- Public Private Partnerships and PFI
- Structured Finance and Securitization
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Capital Markets

- Financial Services
- Forestry

English

- Advised CNH Industrial Capital Canada Ltd. and CNH Industrial Canada, Ltd. in connection with the acquisition by 2223890 Alberta Ltd. of Rocky Mountain Dealerships, Canada's biggest agriculture equipment dealership.
- Advised Nippon Paper Industries Co., Ltd., Marubeni Corporation and Daishowa North America Corporation in the \$465 million acquisition of Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd. by Mercer International Inc.
- Acted for a large Alberta pension plan with respect to an investment in the HarbourVest Canada Growth Fund L.P., a limited partnership and venture capital program with a specific focus on the Canadian venture market. The amount of commitments from investors was in excess of \$200,000,000.

Admissions

- Alberta, 1975
- Northwest Territories, 1990
- Nunavut, 1999
- Ontario, 2019
- Saskatchewan, 2013

Professional Qualifications

- Appointed Queen's Counsel (1994)

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Law), 2014-2022
- *Chambers Canada* (Pensions and Benefits), 2018-2020
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert[®] Directory* (Corporate Commercial Law), 2011-2016; (Corporate Mid-Market), 2018-2021
- *The Legal 500 Canada* (Banking and Finance), 2016-2017; (Pensions), 2018-2020; (Corporate M&A), 2019-2021
- Martindale-Hubbell, Distinguished[®] Peer Review Rated

Education

- LL.B., University of Alberta, 1974
- B.A., University of Alberta, 1973

Memberships

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Law Society of the Northwest Territories
- Member, Law Society of Nunavut
- Member, Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Pension Benefits Conference
- Member, Corporate and Commercial Advisory Committee, Law Society of Alberta, 1993-2013, former Chair and Vice-Chair

Community Involvement

- David has been an active volunteer for a number of local, provincial and national charitable, political and church organizations
- Member, the first Board of Directors of the Capital Health Authority (then regional health authority for the Edmonton region)
- Member, Edmonton, Alberta and Canadian Board of Directors of Victorian Order of Nurses
- Member, Board of Directors of the Pilgrim's Hospice Society (a charitable organization devoted to palliative care in the Edmonton area)

NEWS

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized in the 2022 *Best Lawyers in Canada* guide

26 August 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is thrilled to see 84 of our lawyers across 35 practice areas recognized in the 2022 Best Lawyers in Canada guide.

DLA Piper Canada has strong showing in 2021 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

22 April 2021

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP has increased their rankings in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory for the third consecutive year.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP recognized in the 2021 edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*

13 November 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP and its lawyers have been recognized as industry leaders across multiple practice areas in the latest edition of the *Legal 500 Canada*.

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.

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.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP featured in Lexpert's "Top 10 Deals of 2019"

26 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have acted on two of the transactions included in Lexpert magazine's "Top 10 Deals of 2019."

Onex Corporation completes acquisition of WestJet Airlines Ltd.

19 DEC 2019

Onex Corporation and WestJet Airlines Ltd. announced on December 11, 2019 that they have completed their previously announced purchase agreement valued at approximately \$5 billion including assumed debt. DLA Piper Canada acted as counsel for Onex Corporation on various aspects of what is the largest private equity purchase of an airline in aviation history, including with respect to aviation law, financing matters and corporate law matters.

