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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Law

Banking & Financial Services

Commercial Real Estate

As a lawyer and co-owner of a family business, I understand the importance of balancing legal risk with practical business considerations.

Deirdre is a corporate/commercial and real estate lawyer serving a diverse clientele, from start-ups to large privately held companies in sectors like retail, hospitality, real estate, manufacturing, and healthcare. Her priority is developing legal solutions aligned with your business goals, enabling your team to advance projects efficiently without sacrificing detail.

Deirdre's entrepreneurial background offers her clients a unique perspective, enabling her to share her own real-life experience gained through her involvement in business operations as guidance for their legal matters.

Through her family business involvement, Deirdre has developed expertise in alcohol licensing, liquor legislation, policies, and guidelines, frequently working with local breweries due to her in-depth industry knowledge.

Education

2009 University of Alberta, LLB

2003 University of Calgary, B.Sc.

Admissions

2010 Alberta

Experience

Deirdre maintains a broad corporate/commercial practice, regularly advising entrepreneurs on business formation, organization, and compliance. She has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations, and restructurings, and she drafts and negotiates contracts for business transactions, including asset and share acquisitions, sales agreements, service agreements, and property co-ownership and management agreements. Additionally, Deirdre assists clients with bank and equity financing.

In her real estate practice, Deirdre advises on all aspects of commercial real estate and farmland transactions, including acquisition, financing, sales, conveyancing, land development, limited partnership structuring, and commercial leasing for landlords, property managers, and tenants. She has experience with Indigenous clients on economic development and land management, both on designated lands and those under a land code.

With years of experience in the liquor and hospitality industry, as legal counsel to various restaurant and brewery groups, Deirdre has gained invaluable insight into the specific legal challenges faced by those in the industry.

Deirdre also has considerable experience working with clients in the veterinary industry. She has acted for numerous veterinary practices in Alberta and regularly advises clients on share structuring for veterinary practice entities and compliance matters with the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Practice Inspection and Practice Standards (PIPS) Committee.

Recognition

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Recognized as Top 40 Under 40, Avenue Magazine (2015)

Memberships

- Law Society of Alberta
- Calgary Bar Association
- Business Law Subsection, Canadian Bar Association
Member, 2010-present
- Commercial Real Property Subsection, Canadian Bar Association

Member, 2010-present

- Securities Law Subsection, Canadian Bar Association

Member, 2010-present

Community

- Girls Hockey Calgary, Assistant Coach
- Alberta Small Brewers Association, Director (2013 - 2021)

Teaching Roles & Speaking Engagements

FACILITATOR

TAPROOM SESSIONS, VARIOUS TOPICS

Alberta Small Brewers Association, October 2023 - present

SPEAKER

TRADEMARK TIPS FOR BREWERIES

Alberta Small Brewers Association, Alberta Craft Brewing Convention, October 2023 (Calgary)

PANELIST

TASTE OF UALBERTA: VIRTUAL CRAFT BEER TASTING

University of Alberta Alumni, October 2020 (Edmonton)