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PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate & Commercial • Banking & Finance • Energy & Natural Resources • Shipbuilding
• Ocean Innovation • Defence, Security & Marine • Mergers & Acquisitions
• Commercial Real Estate & Development

BIOGRAPHY

David is a partner in Cox & Palmer's Halifax office and practices in the area of corporate and commercial law. He attended Acadia University and then earned his law degree at Dalhousie Law School. He was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1998.

EXPERIENCE

David has extensive experience in commercial transactions and regularly advises clients on purchases and divestitures of businesses by way of share and asset purchases, partnerships and joint ventures. As a member of the Firm's Energy & Natural Resources Group, David's experience includes development of construction and design, build & operate agreements for international clients with interests in Nova Scotia's developing tidal energy industry, acquisitions of energy service companies in Atlantic Canada and Alberta, negotiation of service agreements for the Atlantic offshore industry and the development of the Play Fairway Analysis for offshore Nova Scotia.

He regularly advises clients on corporate law matters, including matters related to corporate structuring, governance and unlimited liability companies (ULCs).

David has acted for both borrowers and lenders in domestic and international, secured and unsecured financings. David also has extensive experience in commercial real estate acquisitions and divestitures, and commercial leasing.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Lexpert Special Edition - Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers 2019
- Consistently recognized as a leading practitioner by the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada for his practice in the areas of Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law and Banking and Finance
- Consistently recognized in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in the fields of Corporate Commercial and Mergers & Acquisitions

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

BAR ADMISSION

- Nova Scotia (1998)

LAW SCHOOL

- Dalhousie University

EDUCATION

- Acadia University (BA Honours, 1992)
- Dalhousie University (LLB, 1997)

PUBLICATIONS

- Renewed potential: Regulation of offshore wind in Canada's ocean playground
- Nova Scotia – Legal Implications of the COVID-19 Emergency
- Transfers and Non-Canadian Ownership of Atlantic Canadian Fishing Licences
- Nova Scotia Direction Provides Flexibility for Shareholder, Member and Director Meetings during COVID-19
- Nova Scotia: Duty to Consult in Large Infrastructure Projects and COVID-19 Impacts - A review of Nova Scotia Supreme Court's recent judgment in *Sipekne'katik v. Alton Natural Gas Storage LP*, 2020 NSSC 111
- Force Majeure Clauses and the Doctrine of Frustration: Flattening the Liability Curve
- Nova Scotia OKs Electronic Record Keeping, Corporate Practices
- Don't Be a Materiality Scrape Goat

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

David has spoken at a number of conferences in Nova Scotia and in other parts of Canada, including:

- Insight's Major Business Agreements (Halifax, NS – 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014)
- Canadian Institute Commercial Real Property Transactions (Halifax – 2010)
- Insight's Current Trends and Developments in Canadian Corporate Law – Changes to the Nova Scotia Companies Act (Toronto, ON – 2009)
- The Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation's East Coast Research Seminar (St. John's – 2007)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Board Member, BioNova – Nova Scotia's Life Sciences Association
- Board Member & Committee Member (Audit & Governance), Lawyers' Insurance Association of Nova Scotia (LIANS)
- Committee Member (SME Committee), Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries (CADSI)
- Member, Toronto Opinions Group (TOROG)
- Past Chair, Canadian Bar Association (Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section)
- Past Chair (Programming & Advisor Committees) and Board member, Canadian Association of Family-Owned Enterprises (CAFE)

- Past Board member, Atlantic Salmon Federation