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Sean represents and advises clients on a wide range of corporate and commercial matters, with a particular focus on highly regulated industries and sectors.

He has extensive experience with mergers and acquisitions, disposition and acquisition of businesses on behalf of Canadian, U.S. and international companies, cross-border transactions, corporate reorganizations, joint ventures and partnership agreements in a wide variety of industries.

His practice spans a variety of sectors, including infrastructure and energy projects, and power and electricity.

He advises financial institutions (including credit unions, trust companies and insurance companies) on regulatory and other corporate/commercial matters.

Sean also has extensive experience advising clients in the education and not-for-profit sectors.

From 2000 to 2003, Sean was foreign counsel with the law firm of Nishimura & Partners (now Nishimura & Asahi) in Tokyo, Japan, where his practice focused on cross-border commercial transactions.

Within BLG, Sean is the Regional Manager of our Corporate Commercial and Securities and Capital Markets Groups.

Experience

- Umios Corporation as lead counsel in its announced acquisition of High Liner Foods Incorporated pursuant to a plan of arrangement under the Companies Act (Nova Scotia) in a transaction valued at C$1.3 billion.
- Canadian counsel to KDDI Corporation in its approximately US$65 million minority investment in, and business alliance with, Coincheck Group N.V.
- Vendors in the sale of a North American equipment distribution business.
- Vendors in the sale of a Western Canadian foundry business.
- Investor dealers in the acquisition and sale of Canadian brokerage businesses.
- An engineering/construction multinational in its acquisition of a Canadian engineering company.
- A financial institution in its acquisition of a Canadian commercial leasing business.
- A Chinese company in its disposition of a technology business.
- Vendors in the sale of one of British Columbia's largest cattle ranches.
- A purchaser in its acquisition of a Canadian retail business.
- UMA Engineering in respect of its merger and court-approved cross-border acquisition transaction and corporate arrangement with AECOM.
- Major Korean companies in respect of mining ventures in Canada, the United States and Africa.
- Negotiating and managing multiple power purchase agreements for wind, biomass, waste heat, run-of-river, reservoir and natural gas projects.
- B.C. Hydro in the development and implementation of renewable energy calls for power in B.C., including the 2008 Bioenergy Phase I Call for Power, the 2008 Clean Energy Call for Power, and the 2010 Bioenergy Phase II Call for Power.
- Design-builders in respect of numerous public-private partnership projects across Canada, including the Champlain Bridge, Evergreen Line, Alberta Schools Projects (ASAP 2 and 3), Surrey Outpatient Clinic, Royal Jubilee Hospital, Fort St. John Hospital, and New Brunswick Schools Project.
- Owners in the energy, infrastructure and mining sectors on the legal aspects of design and construction, including tendering and bidding documentation; engineer, procure and construction management (EPCM) agreements; and engineer, procure and construct (EPC) agreements.
- B.C. Hydro in respect its $1.5 billion outsourcing and partnership transaction with Accenture and related ongoing matters.
- Roche in its $1.4 billion acquisition of a controlling interest in a Japanese pharmaceutical company.
- Weyerhaeuser Company Limited in the disposition of its coastal B.C. division to Brascan Corporation for $1.2 billion, and in the disposition of its Canadian building materials distribution business to a U.S. private equity firm.
- School boards, independent schools and post-secondary institutions on education law and corporate/commercial issues.
- Partnership and joint venture arrangements involving professional organizations in various sectors, including the construction/ engineering, architecture and computer service industries.

Insights & Events

- Author, "B.C. Approves New Legislation That Will Impact Private Companies: What You Need To Know", BLG Article, July 2019

- Author, "CBCA transparency register goes public", BLG Article, February 2024
- Author, "Benefit companies arrive in B.C.", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "New details about the planned transparency register for B.C. companies", BLG Article, April 2020
- Co Author, In the FinTech (R)Evolution, the Future Belongs to Innovators, BLG Publication (PDF)
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Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Clean Energy BC
- Member, American Bar Association (Business Law Section and Section of International Law)
- Member, Inter-Pacific Bar Association – Joint-Committee Member for Canada
- Member, Association for Corporate Growth

Community Involvement

- Chair and Director, Covenant House Vancouver, 2006-present
- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids
- Past Co-Chair, BLG's United Way Campaign

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2025) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Energy Law) and since 2014 (Corporate Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2014) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Corporate Mid-Market), in the 2026 (Charities/Not-For-Profit Law), from 2014 to 2025 (Private Equity) and in the 2023 edition (and since 2014) (Corporate Commercial Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: M&A.*
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining.*
- Recognized as a leading infrastructure lawyer in the 2024, 2019, 2018, 2015 and 2014 editions of the *Lexpert/ Report on Business Special Edition on Infrastructure.*
- Recognized in the 2025, 2023 and 2022 editions of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A.*
- Recognized in the 2023, 2021, 2019 editions (and since 2014) of the *Lexpert/ROB Special Edition – Canada's Leading Energy Lawyers*.

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 1998

- LLB/BCL, McGill University, 1997, (included one-year exchange at the National University of Singapore)
- BA, University of Toronto, 1992

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