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Mark Christensen is a leading commercial real estate lawyer, trusted by institutional developers, lenders, borrowers, REITs and investors to deliver results for their most complex transactions. Mark's practice spans complex industrial, office and retail transactions and advice, assisting clients with acquisitions, dispositions, project development, leasing, and sophisticated financing arrangements, where his strategic insight and over two decades of experience consistently creates value for clients.

Mark is a deal maker, providing practical, strategic and actionable counsel, whether helping developers with all aspects of land assembly, financing and leasing, or helping clients with construction and acquisition loans.

Mark applies his niche expertise when representing owners and operators of private senior living facilities and government-funded senior living facilities.

He routinely guides clients through corporate and ownership matters, including partnership agreements, joint ventures and co-ownership agreements. Mark also represents top financial institutions in significant financial lending transactions.

Mark has acted on many high-profile deals, and his accomplished track records has earned him industry-wide recognition, including in Chambers Canada rankings.

Experience

- Kiwa N.V., a Netherlands-based testing, inspection and certification organization, in connection with its agreement to acquire the Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC) business of CSA Group for approximately C$2.1 billion.
- Acted for the lender in connection with a $200,000,000 land servicing and construction loan in respect of a 1,200 acre development on the Tsuut'ina Nation known as Taza.
- Acted for a U.S. based developer in connection with the acquisition and development of multiple large scale industrial sites within the High Plains Industrial Park located in Rocky View County.
- Acted for an operator of senior assisted living facilities in connection with the acquisition, licensing and financing of a 9 site portfolio in Alberta.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, International Council of Shopping Centres
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Calgary Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in *Chambers Canada* as a Leading Lawyer (Real Estate – Alberta)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* as Lawyer of the Year (Commercial Leasing Law)
- Repeatedly recommended in *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Leading Lawyer (Commercial Leasing; Property Development)
- Recognized in *The Legal 500 Canada* as a Leading Lawyer (Real Estate)
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers in Canada* as a Leading Lawyer (Real Estate Law; Commercial Leasing Law)

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2004

- LLB, University of Alberta, 2003
- BSc (with distinction), University of Alberta, 1999

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