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Connor Dunphy-Brace is a corporate and commercial lawyer with a broad business law practice focused on mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations, corporate governance, and private company transactions. He works closely with clients as a responsive and practical advisor.

Connor advises private companies, investors and entrepreneurs on acquisitions, dispositions, financings, governance, and general corporate matters. He has experience assisting clients through all stages of a transaction, including structuring, due diligence, negotiation, closing, and post-closing integration. He also regularly assists with cross-border transactions and has acted for both Canadian and international clients in connection with strategic acquisitions and investments, including acting for a U.S.-based purchaser in its acquisition of a Canada-wide oil and gas business with an enterprise value in excess of $250 million.

With a particular focus on the energy and natural resources sector, Connor regularly advises clients in the conventional oil and gas, emerging technology, and energy transition industries. His practice includes share and asset transactions, corporate reorganizations, joint ventures, shareholder matters and the negotiation of commercial agreements. He also works closely with Indigenous Nations on corporate and commercial matters, strategic transactions, governance matters, and mergers and acquisitions.

Connor joined BLG as a summer student in 2021 and returned to article with the firm in 2023-2024, after earning his J.D. from the University of Alberta Faculty of Law. During law school, he completed an exchange at EBS

Universität für Wirtschaft und Recht in Wiesbaden, Germany, where he studied European Union law and international business law.

Experience

- **Corporate Finance and M&A**
  - Counsel to Robinson Energy Limited (formerly Cobra Venture Corporation) in connection with its reverse takeover transaction and TSX Venture Exchange listing.
  - Counsel to a United States based purchaser in connection with its acquisition of a Canada-wide oil and gas business with an enterprise value in excess of $250 million.
  - Counsel to private and founder-owned businesses in numerous share and asset acquisitions and divestitures across the oil and gas, energy services, technology, A.I., and infrastructure sectors.
  - Counsel on complex acquisition-related corporate reorganizations, amalgamations, and post-closing integration transactions.
  - Counsel to purchasers, vendors, and investors in strategic transactions, joint ventures, and equity investment transactions.
- **Energy and Natural Resources**
  - Counsel to conventional oil and gas producers, mineral and royalty owners and energy service providers on acquisitions, dispositions, reorganizations, and commercial matters.
  - Counsel to clients operating in the energy transition sector, including hydrogen, carbon capture, clean technology, and other emerging energy businesses.
  - Counsel on transactions involving producing oil and gas assets, resource development opportunities, and related infrastructure.
- **Debt Finance and Capital Markets**
  - Counsel to a Canadian electricity transmission company in connection with the issuance of over $1.3 billion of pledged bonds in multiple tranches.
- **Emerging Technology and Growth Companies**
  - Counsel to founders, entrepreneurs and growth-stage companies on formation, governance, financing, and strategic transactions.
  - Advises technology and innovation-focused businesses operating in the energy, technology, artificial intelligence, and emerging industries sectors.
- **Indigenous Business and Strategic Transactions**
  - Counsel to Indigenous Nations and Indigenous-owned entities on mergers and acquisitions, strategic investments, and commercial transactions.
  - Advises Indigenous clients on governance matters, entity structuring, partnership arrangements, and business development initiatives.
  - Counsel on Indigenous participation in energy, natural resource, and infrastructure projects.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Alberta infrastructure: A positive outlook for P3s in Alberta", BLG Article, May 2024

Beyond Our Walls

Community Involvement

- Board Member and Corporate Secretary, Calgary Underground Film Festival Society, 2026

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2024

- JD, University of Alberta, 2023
- BSc in Molecular Genetics (with Distinction), University of Alberta, 2020

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