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Kevin is the head of the Insolvency & Restructuring group in Calgary. He regularly advises debtors, creditors, financial institutions, lenders, monitors, receivers and trustees on a variety of bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring matters. Kevin has acted as strategic counsel in complex domestic and cross-border insolvencies. He has also regularly acts on foreclosure actions as well as various matters involving fraudulent conveyance and preference claims.

Kevin is also an experienced construction litigator who has acted for owners, contractors and lenders on a variety of construction matters. He regularly defends and prosecutes claims pertaining to all forms of construction and energy liens.

Experience

- Canadian counsel to a Foreign Trustee (Cayman Islands) under the *Bankruptcy & Insolvency Act* (Canada) on a cross-border bankruptcy.
- Canadian counsel to a senior secured creditor on cross-border insolvency proceedings (United States).
- Counsel to a senior creditor on a construction restructuring (*Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*) in Manitoba.
- Counsel to a secured creditor on a land restructuring (*Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*) in Alberta.
- Counsel to an Alberta receiver on a gravel pit receivership.
- Counsel to a group of trustees on a cross-border (United States and Thailand) on a trust dispute.

- Counsel to a North American construction company on an oil sands arbitration.
- Counsel to the Board of Directors of a private company providing advice on insolvency and restructuring proceedings.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Cross-examining receivers, monitors and trustees in Alberta insolvency proceedings: An exceptional remedy", BLG Article, July 2026
- Author, "Can provincial courts decide tax matters? Alberta clarifies Income Tax Act jurisdiction", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "PTAS report cites unpaid oil and gas taxes, impacts on Alberta's municipalities and industry", BLG Article, March 2026
- Author, "Out of gas: How the Conifer-Razor dispute became moot", BLG Article, February 2025
- Author, "Reappointing a receiver: Lessons from Grant Thornton and the Lexin Group", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "Insolvency insights: Lack of transparency through the court's lens", BLG Article, January 2024
- Author, "The Charter, contempt, and unreasonable delay in a bankruptcy context", BLG Article, November 2023
- Author, "Law Society of Alberta v Higgerty: Non-creditors appointments under the Judicature Act", BLG Article, September 2023
- Author, "Case summary of Concrete Equities Inc. (Re)", BLG Article, July 2022

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Turnaround Management Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Calgary Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Member of the Board of Directors, Fort Calgary
- Former member of the Board of Directors (Board Chair), Hospice Calgary

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2024) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2020) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2023) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada* as a Litigation Star.
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2020) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure.*
- Recognized as a 2019 Acritas Star.
- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2017 edition of the *Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Construction).

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2000

- LLB, University of Alberta, 1999
- BA, Simon Fraser University, 1996

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