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Richard is a trusted advisor who helps his clients navigate significant situations across a variety of sectors and circumstances.

He draws on more than 15 years of experience practicing tax and corporate law at BLG, and serving on a variety of Boards, to bring a unique perspective to complex situations, such as generational shift in private companies, mergers & acquisitions, cross-border investment, disputes and business growth strategies.

Richard is commonly retained in the context of the following:

- Private company restructuring and succession planning;
- Major purchase, sale and takeover transactions;
- General corporate and commercial matters;
- Shareholder agreements, partnership agreements and joint venture agreements;
- Optimizing transaction and financing structures, including investment funds, debt and equity financings, spin-outs, inbound and outbound structures, captive insurance and restructuring insolvent companies;
- Executive and employee compensation plans;
- Estate planning, including family trusts, Wills, life insurance and international planning;
- Charitable registration for charitable organizations;
- Tax advice, due diligence and opinions on a variety of matters;
- Dispute resolution on a broad range of matters.

Richard also acts as a director or trustee of several corporations and/or trusts.

Prior to working at BLG, Richard worked for an international sport and entertainment management firm, ran his own consulting business and worked in a variety of other industries (including technology, telecom, retail, pharmaceuticals, grocery, sales and restaurants) where he learned how businesses operate. This has been instrumental in his ability to provide practical legal advice, with the client's interests in mind.

Richard has been involved with a variety of registered charities and non-profit organizations. Among other things, he has served as a director of Tails of Help (2016-2019), the Canadian Petroleum Tax Society (2018-2020) and the Nathan Louis Healing Foundation (2023-2025). Richard is currently a Trustee and the Chair of the Board of the Campbell McLaurin Foundation for Hearing Deficiencies. Richard has also been involved in a variety of mentorship and fundraising initiatives in the community.

Richard is a Registered Trust and Estate Practitioner and has completed Levels I to III of the CPA Canada, In-Depth Tax Course.

Richard was a member of BLG's Partnership Board, the firm's governing body (2023-2026). He has also been a member of BLG's Calgary regional compensation committee (2020-2023) and won a BLG Eminence Award for Mentorship in 2019.

Experience

- Acts for several high net worth and ultra high net worth families.
- Acted for HollyFrontier Corporation on its $1.25 billion acquisition of Petro-Canada Lubricants.
- Assisted Kelt Exploration Ltd. in its $510 million disposition of oil and gas assets in its Inga/Fireweed/Soddart Division (Inga Assets) located in British Columbia, to ConocoPhillips and assumption by the Purchaser of certain specific financial obligations related to the Inga Assets in the amount of approximately $41 million.
- Represented Matson Driscoll & Damico, a leading international forensic accounting firm, on its sale to Davies.
- Acted for White Water Management Ltd. and its majority shareholders on the sale of Whitewater and its subsidiary, Catalyst Production Systems, to Hillcore Group, a leading Canadian investment and advisory firm.
- Represented The Fastener Group, a leading distributor of fasteners, tools, safety gear and other related accessories, on its sale of 15 locations to TriWest Capital Partners.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Can provincial courts decide tax matters? Alberta clarifies Income Tax Act jurisdiction", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "Calgary is open for business", BLG Article, September 2025
- Author, "Bill C-47: Mandatory tax disclosure requirements for taxpayers, promoters and advisors", BLG Article, August 2025
- Author, "Texas hold 'em or taxes hold 'em? Taxes and gambling in Canada", BLG Article, July 2023
- Author, "Alberta Budget 2023: Surplus, spending and a Spring election", BLG Article, March 2023
- Author, "Collaboration in motion", BLG Article, January 2020
- Speaker, "Tax Advantaged Financing Structures – What's Left?," BLG Breakfast Seminar, April 2018

- Speaker, "Alberta Investor Tax Credit Overview," Canadian Bar Association, Tax Non-Specialist, September 2017
- Speaker, "Taxation of Employee Incentive Plans," Canadian Bar Association, Tax Non-Specialist, April 2017
- Author, "The Resource: BLG Energy Law Blog March Digest", BLG Article, April 2016
- Author, "Co-author, “Federal Budget 2016 – A Focus on the Middle Class and Continued Scrutiny of Corporate Tax Avoidance,” BLG Publication, March 22, 2016 ", BLG Article, March 2016
- Speaker, "Changes to Testamentary Trust Rules – A Comprehensive Case Study," 68th Annual Canadian Tax Foundation Conference, 2016

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)
- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Former Director, Canadian Petroleum Tax Society
- Member, Canadian Bar Association (CBA)
- Member, Calgary Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Former Director, Nathan Louis Healing Foundation
- Former Director, Tails of Help
- Trustee, The Campbell McLaurin Foundation for Hearing Deficiencies

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2026) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Tax Law & Mergers and Acquisitions Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Corporate Tax)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance*
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A*

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2009

- JD, University of Alberta, 2008
- University of Alberta, 2005

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