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Richard is a business lawyer with a focus on corporate tax and business / transaction structuring and implementation. He provides practical legal advice having regard to a multitude of factors facing his clients, including tax, commercial and family considerations which may be relevant.

Richard is commonly retained for:

- Private company succession and estate planning;
- Major purchase, sale and takeover transactions;
- General corporate and commercial matters across a variety of industries;
- Shareholder agreements, partnership agreements and joint venture agreements;
- Plans of arrangement, debt and equity financings;
- Optimizing business and financing structures;
- Restructuring insolvent companies and other divestiture transactions;
- Executive compensation plans and arrangements;
- Estate planning, including the establishment of family trusts and preparing wills;
- Obtaining charitable registration for charitable organizations and foundations;
- Providing tax advice and opinions on a variety of issues and technical matters; and
- Dispute resolution regarding tax and non-tax matters.

Richard also acts as a director or trustee of several corporations and/or trusts, and is a member of BLG's National Partnership Board.

Prior to joining BLG, Richard worked for an international sport and entertainment management firm, ran his own consulting business, and worked in a variety of other industries where he learned how businesses operate. These experiences have been instrumental in his ability to provide practical legal advice, with the client's interests in mind.

In Richard's legal practice, he has assisted in establishing several registered charities and non-profit organizations. He served a term as a director of Tails of Help, a registered charity that provides funding to low income individuals who need access to veterinary care for their pets. He has also acted as a director of the Canadian Petroleum Tax Society.

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

Richard is a member of BLG's Partnership Board, the firm's governing body.

Experience

- Acts for several high net worth and ultra high net worth families.
- 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.
- HollyFrontier Corporation on its \$1.25 billion acquisition of Petro-Canada Lubricants.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Bill C-47: Mandatory tax disclosure requirements for taxpayers, promoters and advisors", BLG Article, August 2023
- 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

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

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2009
- JD, University of Alberta, 2008
- University of Alberta, 2005

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