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Don has acted for lenders and borrowers in commercial and corporate loans for more than 30 years, with an emphasis on secured transactions to both public and private borrowers.

He has extensive experience in **syndicated** and **cross-border lending** .

Don's practice also includes **regulatory advice** to financial institutions and structured finance transactions, as well as general corporate commercial transactions.

Within BLG, Don is the former National Leader of the Banking and Financial Services Group (2015-2020) and the former Regional Managing Partner of the Vancouver office (2011-2015). He also served as a regional group leader of the Financial Services Group and regional leader of our Business Department, which includes the Financial Services Group

Insights & Events

- Author, "UCC Article 12 – A sensible framework for secured transactions involving cryptocurrencies or other digital assets ", BLG Article, December 2022
- Presenter, CLE BC Webinar: Virtual Closings and Electronic Signatures, September 2020
- Author, "Where To Register Your Security After June 1, 2019", BLG Article, May 2019
- Co-Editor, British Columbia Personal Property Security Act Practice Manual, The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia (CLE BC), 2010 – present

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Solicitors' Legal Opinions Committee of British Columbia (since 2015)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Past executive member, Banking Law Subsection of the British Columbia Branch of the Canadian Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Former member of the Board of Governors (since 2011), Business Council of British Columbia
- Former Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 (and since 2006) edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* (Banking and Finance Law)
- Recognized in the 2024 (and since 2020) edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Asset Equipment Finance/Leasing, Banking & Financial Institutions, Corporate Commercial Law).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A*
- Recognized in the 2022 (and previous editions) of *IFLR1000 – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms* (Banking)
- Recognized in the 2023 (and since 2020) edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Banking).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *Lexpert®/ROB Special Edition on Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers.*
- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2020 edition (and since 2006) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada®* (Banking & Finance)
- Fellow (since 2013) and Regent (2016-2020), American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 1988

- LLB, University of Toronto, 1987
- B.Comm. (Hons.), University of British Columbia, 1984

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