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Overview

Gordon “Gord” Van Vliet is a partner in the firm’s Real Estate and Business practice groups with nearly 20 years of experience helping public and private developers build and manage many large properties throughout Alberta and British Columbia. He provides strategic counsel on a broad range of complex commercial real estate transactions and structures, including commercial and residential land development, sales and acquisitions, mergers, leasing and property management, co-ownership, partnerships, secured lending, construction and municipal planning.

While Gord enjoys maintaining a diverse mix of commercial real estate projects, he has built a strong reputation for helping clients develop innovative mixed-use condominium projects that require a skillful balance between the residential and commercial components. He collaborates with the client, a team of consultants and public agencies to drive these sophisticated projects to completion while also achieving an efficient and compliant separation of uses within the property.

In addition to his extensive commercial real estate practice, Gord also serves as a trusted advisor to companies on a variety of legal and business issues, such as high-level entity structuring strategies, risk management, dispute resolution, tax planning and counseling on day-to-day decisions that significantly impact their operations.

Value to Clients

Gord gravitates to projects where his clients already have great ideas, and call on him to do everything possible to help make them a reality. Gord is a detail-oriented, practical problem solver who constantly searches for creative ways to improve processes and close challenging projects – everything from designing a tailored project approach on the front end to leveraging technology that streamlines every phase of the process.

Outside the Office

Gord enjoys traveling with his wife and four children, exploring history, collecting old stuff, boating, water skiing, and fishing.

Industries

Real Estate
 Finance + Banking
 Construction
 Municipal

Services

Business
 Real Estate
 Corporate + Commercial
 Transactions
 Condominium
 Compliance + Corporate
 Governance

Education

University of Alberta, 1999,
 Bachelor of Laws
 University of Calgary, 1996,
 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Alberta, 2000

Professional

Canadian Bar Association

Law Society of Alberta

Canadian Condominium Institute, Professional Member

Community

Volunteer, Calgary Legal Guidance

Recognition

Listed Commercial Leasing Law, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2020 - 2021

Listed Corporate Law, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2020 - 2021

Listed Real Estate Law, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2020 - 2021

"Repeatedly Recommended" Property Leasing, Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory: 2020

Notable Work

Negotiated settlement on behalf of a publicly-traded railway company enabling it to secure its share of the fair market value of a commercial property for which it held an option to purchase but was highly contested by a publicly-traded tenant of the property

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