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Overview

Melissa Cook is a corporate, commercial and securities lawyer focused on all matters of corporate and securities law including the areas of corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, continuous disclosure compliance and general corporate and securities compliance. Melissa also works with private companies and entrepreneurs in navigating business succession planning matters.

Through her extensive experience representing both private and publicly traded issuers, Melissa has acted on behalf of underwriters and dealers in both public and private offerings of equity and debt securities. She also assists clients with corporate governance matters and continuous disclosure compliance obligations, as well as general corporate and commercial matters. Melissa also has extensive experience in local counsel opinion work in Alberta, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon and since joining Field, has assisted with hundreds of local counsel opinions.

Melissa has been recognized in The Best Lawyers[™] in Canada under the Corporate Law category for five years.

Having worked on transactions across a broad range of industries, Melissa provides proactive legal advice, anticipating and avoiding challenges and protecting clients from the pitfalls inherent in transactions, no matter the size of the businesses involved.

Examples of Melissa's more recent published transactional experience include:

- Acted on behalf of an oil and gas inspection services corporation, in respect of a share sale transaction with an aggregate purchase price of over \$40 million.
- Acted on behalf of a personal services corporation, in respect of an asset sale transaction with an aggregate purchase price of over \$10 million.
- Acted on behalf of an oilfield services corporation, in respect of a share sale transaction with an aggregate purchase price of up to \$15.3 million.
- Acted on behalf of a corporation that acquired Alberta based oil and natural gas properties for over \$13 million.
- Acted on behalf of Divestco Inc., a TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV) listed corporation, in respect of a \$6.4 million asset disposition.
- Acted as Northern local counsel for the acquirer of a Northern based diamond mining company for over \$500 million.

Industries

Northern Canada Energy + Environment

Services

Mergers, Acquisitions + Capital Markets Business Compliance + Corporate Governance Corporate + Commercial Transactions Securities

Education

University of Calgary, 2007, Bachelor of Laws Simon Fraser University, 2004, Master of Business Administration University of Calgary, 2003, Bachelor of Arts With Distinction, Communications University of Calgary, 2003, Bachelor of Commerce

Admissions

Yukon, 2017 Northwest Territories, 2014 Nunavut, 2014 Alberta, 2008



- Assisted as special counsel on a \$25 million share transaction, including rectification of corporate records through a court order of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.
- Assisted Platinum Communications Corporation, a TSXV telecommunications issuer, with a disposition by way of a plan of arrangement.
- Acted on behalf of a corporation that acquired an Alberta based construction company for over \$10 million.
- Assisted a Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) listed oil and gas issuer on its acquisition by way of plan of arrangement and concurrent spinout of a TSXV listed corporation.
- Assisted a TSX listed oil and gas issuer on its \$89 million acquisition of oil and gas assets and public offering of subscription receipts for gross proceeds of \$100 million in relation to financing the acquisition.

Client Value

Before pursuing a career in law, Melissa spent four years working for one of Canada's largest banks. In her role she gained first-hand insight into how each component of a complex organization works. Her background in banking enables her to provide practical advice that takes into account each client's unique corporate circumstances and brings clarity to complicated matters.

Professional

Canadian Bar Association – National Securities Committee

Member 2015 - Present

Community

Chair, Lougheed House Conservation Society, 2021-2022 Vice-Chair, Lougheed House Conservation Society, 2016-2021 Corporate Secretary, High profile Calgary based charitable organization, 2008-2013

Recognition

Listed Corporate Law, The Best Lawyers™ in Canada: 2020 - 2024