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Biography

People come to Ben for his trusted advice and experience in property, banking and corporate commercial matters. His practice focuses on commercial and real property transactions. He has extensive experience financing and municipal law, representing developers and investors. He is considered a teammate when it comes to advancing his clients' long-term business goals and brings a practical approach to problem solving.

Experience

Over 16 years of experience providing opinions and documentation to support clients and institutions on a wide variety of legal issues, including contract negotiation, leasing, real estate development, banking and financing, and business structures. His practice includes resolving real estate title and estate matters.

Over 4 years of municipal work advising senior management at the Halifax Regional Municipality on taxation, property, commercial, administrative and governance matters while taking a lead role on report preparation and approvals.

Ben has acted for local, national and international clients providing advice on banking, acquisitions and development matters throughout Atlantic Canada, including REIT formation and acquisitions throughout Canada. He provides advice and training to others through the local mentorship initiatives.

Associations and Memberships

- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
- Canadian Bar Association, 2001- Present (Chair, Real Property NS - 2005-2007)
- Real Estate Lawyers' Association Nova Scotia - 2002-2013
- Canadian Condominium Institute - 2007 – 2010

Areas of Law

Commercial Real Estate
Corporate & Commercial

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Recognition

- Best Lawyers in Canada: recognized for commercial leasing law, 2021

Community Involvement

- Fundraiser, YWCA Walk a Mile in Her Shoes— 2008-2012
- Fundraiser, Neptune Theatre Black and White All Over Again - 2008-2012
- Fundraiser, Movember Cancer Awareness — 2008-2012

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Title Searching Basics, CBA/NSBS - 2006

Education and Bar Admissions

- Foundations of Real Estate Mathematics, UBC Saunderson (School of Business), 2016/2017
- Bar Admission: Nova Scotia, 2002
- LL.B. (Dalhousie University, 2001)
- B.A., Honours (Dalhousie University, 1996)