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Practice Areas

Banking & Financial Institutions
Bankruptcy, Insolvency, Receivership & Debt Recovery
Business Law / Commercial Law
Corporate Finance & Securities
Oil & Gas, Natural Resources & Energy Law

Profile

Michael has a varied commercial practice, with a particular emphasis on banking law, secured transactions, insolvency and financial restructuring (including related litigation).

He has acted as lead counsel in lending and insolvency matters originating in Saskatchewan, and in national transactions involving the province. He regularly advises financing institutions with respect to lending and enforcement policies, as well as acting for a variety of lenders.

Michael has been named in the annual Lexpert Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada by LEXPERT in one or more of the areas of Banking and Financial Institutions, Corporate Commercial Law and Insolvency & Financial Restructuring in each year from 1999 to 2007.

He is Past President of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, which is the national coordinating body of Canada's 14 law societies, regulating 95,000 lawyers and 3,500 Quebec notaries.

Professional

"Best Lawyers in Canada" - Banking Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring, 2006-2012

Appointed Queen's Counsel, 2001

Partner, 1985 (Executive Committee Member)

Admitted to the Saskatchewan Bar, 1981

Education

Bachelor of Laws, 1980, University of Saskatchewan

Seminars & Presentations

Presenter, Canadian Bar Association Mid-Winter Meeting, 2000

Lecturer, Commercial Mortgages, Law Society of Saskatchewan, Bar Admission Course, 1990-00

Presenter, Environmental Issues Affecting Creditors' Rights: Perspectives from Alberta and Saskatchewan, Insight Information Inc. Seminar, 1996

Presenter, Priority Issues Affecting Operations and Suppliers' Liens: The Saskatchewan Perspective, Insight Information Inc. Seminar, 1996

Presenter, Saskatchewan Personal Property Security Act, Canadian Bar Association Insolvency Section, Calgary, AB, 1991

Presenter, Receivership Applications, Queen's Bench Chamber Applications Seminar, Law Society of Saskatchewan, Continuing Legal Education, 1991

Presenter, Construction Mortgages and Financing of Builders, Law Society of Saskatchewan, Continuing Legal Education, Construction Law Seminar, 1989

Presenter, Introduction to Personal Property Security Practice, Law Society of Saskatchewan, 1988

Presenter, Realization Against Personal Property, Law Society of Saskatchewan, Continuing Legal Education on Farm Insolvency, 1987

Seminar Coordinator, Personal Property Security Act Seminar, Law Society of Saskatchewan, 1985

Memberships & Associations

President, Federation of Law Societies of Canada, 2007 -
President, Law Society of Saskatchewan, 2002
Bencher, Law Society of Saskatchewan, 1998-03 (President 2002)
President, Saskatchewan Lawyers Insurance Association, 2000-01
Chair, Insurance Committee, Law Society of Saskatchewan, 2000-01
Chair, Legislation and Policy Committee, Law Society of Saskatchewan, 1999-00
Vice-Chair, Discipline Committee, Law Society of Saskatchewan, 2000-01
Member, Insolvency Institute of Canada, 1998- (Board Member 2005-)
Member, Steering Committee, Commercial Law Strategy, Uniform Law Conference of Canada, 2000-02
Member, Federation of Law Societies Committee on Multi-Disciplinary Partnerships, 1999-02
Member, Joint Task Force of the Insolvency Institute of Canada and the Canadian Insolvency Practitioners Association relative to "Business Insolvency Law Reform", 2001
Member, Editorial Board of Banking and Finance Law Review, 1986-
Member, Editorial Board of Commercial Insolvency Reporter, 1999-
Member, Law Society of Saskatchewan, 1981-
Member, Canadian Bar Association, 1981-
Member, Saskatchewan Provincial Council Canadian Bar Association, 1991-92
Member, International Commission of Jurists
Member, INSOL International
Chairman, Natural Resources and Energy Subsection, Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch), 1991-92
Member, Business Law Subsection, Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch), 1986-
Member, Regina Bar Association, 1980- (President, 1993)
Mentor, Law Society of Saskatchewan Mentor Program
Member, Saskatchewan Justice Committee on proposed revisions to Personal Property Security Act, 1991-96
Member, Canadian Bar Association Legislation and Law Reform Committee (Saskatchewan Branch), 1988-98

Community Involvement

Chair, Board of Trustees, MacKenzie Art Gallery Inc., 2000-01
President, United Way of Regina, 1994-95
Member, Mayor's Advisory Committee, Regina Crime Prevention Council
Minor Hockey Coach

Publications

"Title Opinions in Commercial Mortgage Transactions"
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., 1998
"Trade Creditor Remedies"
Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch), Mid-Winter Meeting, 1997
"Views From the Bar: Recent Judicial Decisions on The Personal Property Security Act"
Canadian Conference on Personal Property Security Law, 1997
"Commercial Lease Checklist"
Saskatchewan Practice Checklist, The Law Society of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., 1997
"Directors' Liabilities, Landlords' Rights, & Practice Tips"
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association, Fall Conference Practice Before the Courts, 1997
"Garnishability of Guaranteed Investment Certificates: Boon for Garnisheeing Creditors and Bane for Deposit Institutions"
Bank of Montreal v. I.M. Krisp Foods Ltd, 13 Banking and Finance Law Review 317, 1996
"Recent Developments in Banking Law and Secured Transactions"
Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch), Mid-Winter Meeting, 1996
"Loss Prevention Issues Arising From The Personal Property Security Act, 1993"
Loss Prevention 1995, Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., 1995

Publications *(continued)*

"Tracing of Proceeds into Bank Accounts: New Protection for Financial Institutions"
Flexi-Coil Ltd. v. Kindersley District Credit Union Ltd., 9 Banking and Financing Law Review 391, 1994
"Assignment of Rental Payments"
Preparing for Changes to PPSA 1993, Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., 1994
"The PPSA 1993"
Loss Prevention 1994, Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc., 1994
"The Personal Property Security Act, 1992: Just When You Thought You Understood The Law?"
Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch), Mid-Winter Meeting, 1993
"Creation, Maintenance and Tracing of Purchase-Money Security Interests: ACS v. Pettyjohn; Battlefords Credit Union Limited v. Ilnicki"
Banking and Finance Law Review, 1992
"Novation: National Trust Co. v. Mead"
6 Banking and Finance Law Review 361, 1990
"Unregistered Leases in Bankruptcy: An Integration of Provincial and Federal Legislation"
5 Banking and Finance Law Review 102, 1988-89
"Recent Developments in Banking Law"
Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch), Mid-Winter Meeting, 1989
"Book Review of Cuming and Wood"
A Handbook on The Saskatchewan Personal Property Security Act, 3 Banking Finance Law Review 110, 1988-89
"Validity and Enforceability of Bank Act Security: Bank of Montreal v. Hall"
Banking and Financing Law Review, 1987
"Liability of Guarantors and the Obligations owed to Primary Debtors: Bank of Nova Scotia v. Ham"
Banking and Finance Law Review, 1987
"Guidelines for Secured Financing in the Province of Saskatchewan"
Insight Education Services Seminars, Secured Financing Across Canada, November 25, 1987, Reprinted November, 1989
"Attachment of Debts Act"
Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch), Mid-Winter Meeting, 1983
"The Canadian Treaty Power: Decidedly Anachronistic, Potentially Antagonistic"
44 Saskatchewan Law Review, 1979-80