William (Bill) A. Nickel

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business & Corporate
- Mergers & Acquisitions, Business Transactions
- Corporate Law & Governance
- Manufacturers, Distributors & Franchisors
- Commercial Real Estate & Development
- Real Estate & Development
- Residential Real Estate & Conveyancing
- Banking & Finance
- Securities Law



William (Bill) Nickel's practice focuses on corporate commercial and securities law related matters. He assists entrepreneurs and established clients with incorporation or formation, mergers and acquisitions, raising capital through debt or equity offerings, and traditional commercial financing, corporate restructuring, corporate governance, reporting and continuous disclosure obligations.

Overview

Bill Nickel's practice focuses on securities law and corporate and commercial matters. His securities law practice includes structuring public offerings, private placements and providing guidance and assistance to clients who need to meet their continuous disclosure obligations.

His corporate and commercial practice focuses on assisting clients in a wide variety of endeavors, ranging from incorporating the entrepreneur to assisting established clients with financing, raising equity, mergers, acquisitions, and corporate governance. He represents a number of Saskatchewan-based companies and extra-provincially registered companies in Saskatchewan.

Bill has assisted many clients through initial formation, incorporation, raising of initial start-up capital, one or more public offering or private placements, debt financing and, if necessary and on an ongoing basis, with fulfilling their reporting requirements to shareholders and regulatory authorities. He also provides assistance to clients in areas of asset and share purchase transactions, preparing information circulars and proxy solicitations for annual or special meetings of shareholders, facilitating friendly take over bids, and defending hostile take-over bids.

Achievements

BAR ADMISSION

- Saskatchewan, 1995

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, University of Saskatchewan, 1995
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical), University of Saskatchewan, 1990

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Featured in *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance*, 2026; *Finance and M&A*, 2022
- "Best Lawyers in Canada"
  - "Lawyer of the Year", Corporate Law (Saskatoon), 2027
  - "Lawyer of the Year", Corporate Governance Practice (Saskatoon), 2026
  - "Lawyer of the Year", Mergers and Acquisitions (Saskatoon), 2022, 2024
  - Mergers and Acquisitions, 2022-present
  - Venture Capital Law, 2022-present
  - Corporate Governance Practice, 2021-present
  - Corporate Law, 2021-present
  - "Lawyer of the Year", Securities Law (Saskatoon), 2017
  - Energy Law, 2015-present
  - Oil & Gas Law, 2015-present
  - "Lawyer of the Year", Securities Law (Regina), 2013
  - Securities Law, 2012-present

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Saskatoon Bar Association

Speaking Events & Presentations

MAY 31, 2024 | Presenter

LAW SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN (IN-PERSON AND ONLINE)

Corporate Governance: Beyond the Basics

2019 | Speaker

WEBINAR

Raising Capital Using Exempt Market Securities – A Practitioner's PerspectiveWebinar

2019 | Presenter

WEBINAR

“Legal Basics for Boards: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know- Knowing how to make a directors’ and shareholders’ meeting run smoothly"

2013 | Host

WEBINAR FOR LAWYERS

Corporate Governance & Best Practices: Taking Minutes at a Board of Director's Meeting

2013 | Host

WEBINAR OF LAWYERS

Best Practices for Conducting a Shareholders Meeting from a Corporate & Securities Law Perspective – Addressing Corporate Governance and Director's and Officer's Liability

2012 | Host

WEBINAR OF LAWYERS

How to Raise Capital Using Exemptions – A Practitioner's Perspective

2011-2014 | Co-chair and Presenter

SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan Mining Conference

2012 | Speaker

WORLD POTASH FORUM

Public Offerings vs. Private Placements