



## Michael Walker

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### Biography

Mike Walker is a real estate lawyer with extensive experience in land use both inside and outside the legal profession. He helps clients conceive and implement innovative solutions to their challenges in land use, development, and property management. He is comfortable in the spaces where private sector, public sector, not-for-profit, and First Nations aspirations meet in the modern economy.

Mike is the former managing partner of the Vancouver office. He previously served on the firm's Executive Committee and as chair of the national real estate practice.

Mike crafts creative legal solutions in various practice areas:

**Real estate acquisitions and commercial transactions:** conducting lease, title, and brownfield due diligence; structuring equity and debt financing; negotiating purchase and sale transactions; and advising on risk management.

**Land development:** advising on land use and development regulation, construction, subdivision, and marketing in relation to commercial, residential, and mixed-use projects on private, public, and First Nations land.

**Leasing:** negotiating and advising on leases for commercial, industrial, residential, and infrastructure projects in both market and non-market environments.

**Condominium:** assisting developers, condominium corporations and property managers throughout the life cycle of condominium projects, with a particular focus on mixed-use properties and condominium hotels.

**Project finance and social enterprise:** structuring joint ventures and partnerships, with a particular emphasis on innovative approaches that combine market-driven and non-market objectives.

Before joining the legal profession, Mike worked in a number of roles dealing primarily with urban policy and non-market housing development. He is a former member of the BC Housing Board of Commissioners and a former journalist.

### RELATED SERVICES

Capital Markets & Securities  
Charities & Not-for-Profit  
Condominium & Strata  
Corporate Governance  
Financial Services  
Municipal, Planning & Land Development  
Transactions & Leasing

### RELATED INDUSTRIES

Aboriginal  
Hospitality  
Projects  
Retail  
Social Impact

## Professional achievements & leadership

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* - Commercial Leasing Law, 2016 - 2022; Real Estate Law, 2020 - 2022, 2024
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* - Property Leasing, 2019, 2021
- Appointed to the Real Estate Council of British Columbia

## Thought leadership

- Editorial board member and contributing author, *British Columbia Strata Property Practice Manual*, Continuing Legal Education Society of BC
- Frequent presenter to legal and industry audiences on issues in social enterprise and condominium law

## Professional memberships

- Canadian Bar Association

## Bar admissions & education

- British Columbia, 2001
- LL.B., University of British Columbia, 2000
- B. Comm., University of Alberta, 1995