

# Joseph W. Yurkovich

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## Industries & Expertise

**INDUSTRIES**

Transactions and Leasing | Charity & Not-For-Profit | Life Sciences | Manufacturing

**EXPERTISE**

Corporate Law | Corporate Tax | Private Equity | Corporate Governance | Mergers and Acquisitions

## Biography

**BAR ADMISSION**

Alberta, 1982

**EDUCATION**

- LL.B., University of Alberta, 1981

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN**

English

Joseph Yurkovich's practice focuses on corporate taxation, mergers and acquisitions, corporate law and governance. With decades of experience, Joseph has navigated deals in various sectors, including automotive, IT and IT infrastructure, biotech, professional hockey and beyond. Joe has led successful take-over bids, shareholder proposals, and multi-jurisdictional M&A transactions. He has extensive experience structuring

business organizations, including joint ventures and partnerships, across various sectors involving private equity and public sector participants.

Joe has authored numerous insightful pieces in legal publications, delving into topics like corporate tax developments, Alberta budget highlights, and intricate tax matters. His experience and commitment to sharing knowledge highlight his passion for empowering others through legal understanding.

Joe is a longstanding member and frequent speaker to local and national income tax and financial services professional and business organizations. He has contributed to legal education and legislative reform and was recognized early in his career with the Province of Alberta's King's Counsel designation.

## Industry involvement

### Recognition

- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, Corporate Commercial, 2014 – 2023, 2025; Corporate Tax, 2013 – 2022, 2024 – 2026; Estate & Personal Tax Planning, 2010 – 2012, 2020, 2022
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Mergers & Acquisitions, 2008-2026; Trusts & Estates, 2008-2026; Corporate Governance Practice, 2013-2026; Corporate Tax, 2014, 2020-2021, 2023-2026; Corporate Law 2014-2026
- Lawyer of the Year, *The Best Lawyers in Canada* – Mergers & Acquisitions, 2013, 2018; Corporate Law 2019; Tax Law, 2015, 2020
- Graduate of Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) Directors Education Program, 2007
- King's Counsel (appointed Queen's Counsel in 2002)

### Thought leadership

- Co-author, "Federal Budget Review," Insights, March 21, 2013
- Co-author, "Federal Budget Review," Insights, March 29, 2012
- Author, "2010-2011 Alberta Budget Highlights," Tax Notes, July 1 2010
- Author, "Limited Liability Companies and Hybrids," Tax Notes, Fall 2007
- Author, "Alberta Unlimited Liability Corporations," Tax Notes, Winter 2005
- Author, "Borrowing from Authorized Foreign Banks," Tax Notes, Winter 2003
- Author, "Recent corporate and income tax developments of interest," 2003
- Author, "Non-Competition Payments Taxable as Capital Gains – The Manrell Case," Tax Notes, Winter 2002
- Author, "Taxpayer Migration – Reporting Requirements," Tax Notes, Spring 2000

### Notable Matters

- Experienced with structuring limited partnership, cross-border exchangeable share, and initial public offering transactions for investment in clients by public corporations, private equity and pension fund administrators, including CPPIB and AIMCo.
- Has been retained to assist other major Edmonton law firms as counsel to the Board of Directors or minority employee shareholder groups on major divestiture transactions.

### **Community roles**

- Director, Edmonton Mountain Bike Alliance, 2015 – Present
- Vice-President, Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta, 2005 -2014
- Founding Member and Vice-President, Terwillegar Riverbend Advisory Council, 2003 -2012

### **Memberships & affiliations**

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Edmonton Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Tax Foundation
- Member, International Fiscal Association
- Member, Alberta Chapter Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD.D)
- Member, Association for Corporate Growth
- Member and Past Edmonton Executive Committee Member, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)