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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

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

EXPERTISE

Corporate Law | Corporate Tax | Private Equity |
Corporate Governance | Mergers & 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

- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Mergers & Acquisitions, 2008 – 2025; Trusts & Estates, 2008 – 2025; Corporate Governance Practice, 2013 – 2025; Corporate Tax, 2014, 2020 – 2021, 2023 – 2025; Corporate Law 2014 – 2025
- Lawyer of the Year, *The Best Lawyers in Canada* – Mergers & Acquisitions, 2013, 2018; Corporate Law 2019; Tax Law, 2015, 2020
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, Corporate Commercial, 2014 – 2023, 2025; Corporate Tax, 2013 – 2022, 2024 – 2025; Estate & Personal Tax Planning, 2010 – 2012, 2020, 2022
- 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)