

## Christopher W. Nixon

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### Law Practice

Christopher Nixon is a partner in Stikeman Elliott's Securities Group in Calgary, head of the national China Coverage Group and a member of the Calgary office Management Committee. His practice focuses on business law, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions (M&A), corporate finance, corporate and trust reorganizations and corporate governance. His practice involves both transactional and advisory assignments, representing among others, oil and gas exploration corporations, oilfield service corporations and investment dealers in Canada, the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Mr. Nixon is AV® Peer Review Rated according to Martindale-Hubbell (Very High to Pre-eminent), its highest level of professional ranking. He is also listed and recognized in the following publications:

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2012* in the areas of Corporate, M&A and Securities Law.
- The 2012 Lexpert/American Lawyer *Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* in the areas of Corporate Commercial Law and Corporate Finance & Securities.
- The 2011 Lexpert *Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada* as a leading practitioner in the areas of Corporate Finance & Securities and Mergers & Acquisitions.
- Legal Media Group's 2011 *Guide to Leading Practitioners: China* as a leading practitioner in the areas of M&A and Energy.
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2011* as a leading practitioner in the areas of Corporate Commercial, Corporate Finance & Securities, Corporate Mid-Market, M&A, Oil & Gas and Private Equity.
- IFLR1000's *The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms 2011* as a leading lawyer for Capital Markets and Corporate Finance.
- The 2011 Chambers Global's *The Guide to the World's Leading Lawyers for Business* as a recommended lawyer for Corporate/M&A.
- *The International Who's Who of Capital Markets Lawyers 2011*.

### Professional Activities

Mr. Nixon is a member of the Law Society of Alberta and the Calgary and Canadian Bar Associations. He was an inaugural member of the Alberta Securities Commission Legal Advisory Committee, a committee appointed by the Alberta Securities Commission to assist it in the development of policies and procedures.

## **Representative Work**

Mr. Nixon has recently represented:

### **Mergers & Acquisitions**

- PetroChina International Investment Company Limited in its acquisition of a 60% working interest in Athabasca Oil Sands Corp.'s MacKay River and Dover oil sands projects for \$1.9 billion.
- CNPC International Ltd. as its Canadian counsel in its proposed \$499 million acquisition of Verenex Energy Inc.
- SinoCanada Petroleum Corporation in connection with its acquisition of an additional 10% interest in the Northern Lights Partnership from Total Canada E&P Ltd. for C\$55 million.
- Royal Dutch Shell plc in its \$8.7 billion buyout of the minority shareholders of its Shell Canada Ltd. subsidiary.
- Savanna Energy Services Corp. in its acquisition of Akuna Drilling Trust.
- Enterra Energy Trust in its \$63 million acquisition of Trigger Resources Ltd.
- Lukoil Overseas Holding Ltd. as Canadian counsel in its US\$2 billion acquisition of Nelson Resources Ltd.
- Teck Cominco Limited in its US\$12.4 billion proposed acquisition by plan of arrangement of Fording Canadian Coal Trust.
- AltaGas Income Trust in its \$590 million acquisition by takeover bid of Taylor NGL LP.
- Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd. in its \$629 million acquisition by takeover bid of TransAlta Power LP.
- BA Energy Inc. in connection with its acquisition by plan of arrangement by Value Creation Inc.
- Hexagon AB as Canadian counsel in connection with its \$390 million acquisition by takeover bid of NovAtel Inc.

### **Corporate Finance**

- An underwriting syndicate led by RBC Capital Markets in connection with a \$200 million purchase offering of common shares by Trican.
- An underwriting syndicate lead by led by FirstEnergy Capital Corp. in connection with the \$100 million initial public offering of C&C Energia Ltd.
- Wellco Energy Services Trust in its \$200 million merger by plan of arrangement with Peak Energy Services Trust.
- Mullen Group Income Fund in its \$120 million acquisition of the transportation business of Essential Energy Services Trust.
- Peters & Co. Limited in connection with a C\$83 million private placement in Canada and the United States by Laricina Energy Ltd., a private Calgary-based oil sands company.
- An underwriting syndicate lead by CIBC World Markets Inc. in connection with a C\$35 million public offering of trust units by Zargon Energy Trust and concurrent Rule 144A private placement in the United States.
- Xtreme Coil Drilling Corp. in connection with a C\$46 million public offering of shares in Canada and concurrent Rule 144A private placement in the United States.
- Savanna Energy Services Corp. in connection with a C\$127 million public offering of shares in Canada and concurrent Rule 144A private placement in the United States.
- A syndicate of underwriters co-lead by Peters & Co. Limited and BMO Capital Markets in connection with a C\$140 million underwritten public offering of common shares by Progress Energy Resources Corp. and concurrent Rule 144A private placement in the United States.
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### **Education**

University of Alberta (LL.B. 1979).

### **Bar Admission**

Alberta, 1980