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Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 1987

Legal Assistant(s): [Melanie Waugh](#)

Jim is a leading corporate finance professional with over 30 years of experience advising both public and private businesses across Canada. Jim is well known for his many years advising Empire Company Limited, Sobeys Inc. as well as the Sobeys Family and other public companies. He has acted for many of Atlantic Canada's greatest entrepreneur success stories and advised some of Canada's largest and most successful businesses. Jim has experience advising clients from both a legal and financial perspective and his clients include families, small privately-held businesses, large public and private companies, entertainment and media providers, manufacturers, food service companies, energy firms and one of Canada's leading national food retailers. In addition to Jim's extensive legal experience, he is also a professional engineer with extensive experience in Canada's Energy Sector.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing

Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Environmental & Natural Resources

Intellectual Property

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities

Education & Career

Education

University of Calgary, LLB, 1986

Technical University of Nova Scotia, Bachelor of Civil Engineering, 1979

Mount Allison University, Certificate in Engineering, 1977

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member, board of trustees, Crombie REIT, 2017 – present

Chair, board of directors, Empire Company Limited, 2016 – present

Lead Director, Clearwater Seafoods Incorporated, 2012 – 2021

Past chair, board of regents, Mount Allison University, 2014 – 2016

Past chair, Mount Allison executive committee

Former chair and member, board of trustees, IWK Health Care Foundation

Former director, IWK Health Centre

Chair, Partnership Board, 2008 – 2011

Executive vice-president, chief development office and corporate secretary, Sobeys Inc., 2001 – 2004

Member, Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia

Member, Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation

Accolades

King's Counsel, 2010

Best Lawyers 2017 Banking and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Halifax

Recipient, Lexpert Zenith Award, 2014

Best Lawyers: Banking and Finance, 2013 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Corporate Law, 2006, 2008 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Natural Resources Law, 2008 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Mergers and Acquisitions, 2016 – 2020

Lexpert rating: Infrastructure, 2015 – 2017

Lexpert, "Deal of the Year", 2012 / 2013

Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®

Presentations

Co-presenter, "What if they Revolt? Managing Difficult Shareholder and Member Meetings", Maritime and Newfoundland and Labrador Chapters of the Institute of Corporate Directors

September 21, 2021

Panellist – ABA Mid-Year Meeting – Presidential Showcase on Value Billing