

## Justin Hewitt

### Associate

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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Newfoundland and Labrador,  
2017

Legal Assistant(s): [Rebecca Dart](#)

Justin represents businesses, organizations and individuals on a wide range of corporate, commercial and real estate matters. Focusing on open communication, Justin strives to make complicated legal issues understandable for his clients.

Justin's experience includes:

#### Mining, Natural Resources and Renewable Energy

- Acting for lenders and mining companies in mine finance transactions.
- Advising prospectors and junior mining companies on mineral rights, royalties and commercial agreements.
- Advising mine operators on commercial and regulatory matters.
- Advising renewable energy developers on property and project development matters.
- Acting as in-house legal counsel to a multinational oil and gas company on a secondment arrangement.
- Acting as co-counsel to a former Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador at the Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project.

#### Real Estate

- Acting for companies and individuals in buying, selling, developing, and financing real estate.
- Advising commercial landlords and property owners and drafting leases and related agreements.
- Advising condominium developers and condominium corporations.
- Advising lenders and mortgage brokers on regulatory matters.

#### Mergers and Acquisitions

- Acting for companies and individuals in buying, selling and financing businesses and business assets, including:
  - Acting on the sale of the assets of an operating mine;
  - Acting on the sale of a majority equity stake in a business in the oil and gas sector;
  - Acting on sales and acquisitions of various retail businesses, including franchises;
  - Acting on sales and acquisitions of tourism operations; and
  - Acting on the sale of an aviation business.
- Advising professionals such as physicians, veterinarians, optometrists and lawyers on professional corporations and completing tax planned corporate organizations and reorganizations.

#### Municipal

- Advising municipalities on property and development matters, including drafting subdivision agreements.
- Advising municipalities on property taxation and tax sales.
- Advising municipalities on commercial, contractual and regulatory matters.

## Practice Areas

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Banking & Financing

Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Energy

Environmental & Natural Resources

Mergers & Acquisitions

Municipal

Real Property

## Education & Career

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### Education

Osgoode Hall Law School, Mining Law Certificate, 2022

University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law, JD, 2016

Memorial University of Newfoundland, BA, 2012

Memorial University of Newfoundland, Certificate in Public Administration, 2012

### Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Member, Mining Industry NL Board of Directors

Member, International Council of Shopping Centres

Member, BOMA-NL

Former Director, Thrive CYN

Member, St. John's Curling Club

## **Accolades**

Law Foundation of NL Legal Research Award

## **Thought Leadership**

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COVID-19 – potential liability for municipalities

July 21, 2020

Scotia Mortgage Corporation v Furlong: The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador weighs in on the former client rule in commercial transactions

March 01, 2017