

## Paul Smith

### Partner

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*Providing legal services through a professional corporation.*

Paul's practice is focused primarily in areas of corporate, corporate finance and trust law and is regularly consulted by various national and international businesses and their legal counsel as to corporate and corporate finance issues applicable to their operations in Canada.

Paul advises institutions and private clients with respect to trust structures and the establishment of transnational trust companies and represents such organizations before the New Brunswick government and legislature.

Working with clients such as investment managers, pension managers, transnational trust companies and financial institutions, some of the ways Paul has helped his clients are by:

- Acting as general counsel for the investment managers of public pension plans.
- Acting for a client in connection with the formation and launch of pooled investment funds.
- Acting as counsel to various New Brunswick-based transnational trust companies.
- Acting on behalf of various counterparties in connection with issues relating to ISDA agreements and collateral arrangements.
- Acting on behalf of the owners of or lenders to various New Brunswick mining and natural gas projects.
- Acting on behalf of various corporations in connection with court approved plans of arrangement or reorganization under the *Business Corporations Act*.
- Drafting and negotiating with the New Brunswick government for the enactment of the *New Brunswick Special Corporate Continuance Act*.

## Practice Areas

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Banking & Financing  
Commercial Transactions/Agreements  
Corporate Governance  
Education  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Pensions & Benefits  
Securities

## Education & Career

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### Education

University of New Brunswick, LLB, 1987  
University of New Brunswick, B.Sc., 1984

### Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association  
Chair, Partnership Board, Stewart McKelvey, 2011 – 2015  
Member, Partnership Board, Stewart McKelvey, 2008 – 2011, 2016 – 2017  
Member, International Fiscal Association  
Member, Law Foundation of New Brunswick, 2003 – present  
Chair, Law Foundation of New Brunswick, 2006 – present

### Accolades

Best Lawyers 2024 Corporate Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Best Lawyers 2023 Banking and Finance Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Chambers and Partners Canada 2022-2024 Corporate/Commercial – Atlantic Canada, Band 2 lawyer  
Best Lawyers 2022 Corporate Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Best Lawyers 2021 Banking and Finance Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Chambers and Partners, Corporate/Commercial – Atlantic Canada, Band 2 lawyer  
Best Lawyers 2020 Corporate Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Best Lawyers 2019 Banking and Finance Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Best Lawyers 2018 Corporate Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Best Lawyers 2017 Securities Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Best Lawyers 2016 Corporate Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Best Lawyers 2014 Securities Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Best Lawyers 2013 Banking and Finance “Lawyer of the Year” in Saint John  
Best Lawyers: Banking and Finance, 2011 – 2024  
Best Lawyers: Corporate Law, 2008 – 2023

Best Lawyers: Securities Law, 2011 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Trusts and Estates, 2011 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Private Funds Law, 2015 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Asset Equipment Finance/ Leasing, 2014 – 2023

Lexpert rating: Banking & Financial Institutions, 2008 – 2023

Lexpert rating: Corporate Commercial Law, 2008 – 2023

Lexpert rating: Corporate Finance & Securities, 2010 – 2023

Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®

## Thought Leadership

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Significant Amendments to the *Business Corporations Act* (New Brunswick) Proposed

July 20, 2022

Client Update: New Brunswick proposes Pooled Registered Pension Plan legislation

November 17, 2017

## Publications

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Co-author, “Environmental, social and governance factors in pension and endowment fund investment”, *Discovery: Atlantic Education and the Law*

September 26, 2018

## Presentations

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Co-presenter, The Recent BCA Amendments, Canadian Bar Association New Brunswick branch MidWinter conference

February 06, 2016