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Bar Admission

British Columbia 2017

Saskatchewan 2012

Law School

Dalhousie University

Practices

Cyber/Data

Procurement

Industries

Technology

Retail & Consumer Markets (RCM)

Public Sector

Banking & Financial Services

MT Divisions & Client Solutions

Contract Lifecycle Solution

Focused on privacy and technology law but even more focused on solutions and efficiency, clients describe Jade as “results-oriented and very responsive” and “down to earth”.

With rankings from Chambers and Lexpert, and recognition as a 2024 Lexpert Rising Star and a 2021 Global Data Review 40 Under 40, Jade is one of British Columbia’s most recognized privacy and technology lawyers.

Success in Technology Projects

Jade’s goal is to help our clients develop, acquire and deploy cutting-edge technology. He brings together all aspects of his practice to identify and mitigate key risks particularly cybersecurity and privacy—and successfully negotiate commercial contracts. He has led the negotiation of dozens of major information technology project deals and has particular experience in the acquisition of cybersecurity products and SaaS solutions. As counsel to Canada’s Digital Technology Supercluster, Jade has helped launch several multi-participant technology development projects that bring together the private and public sector.

A Leader in Cybersecurity and Privacy

Jade’s cybersecurity practice begins before the incident, helping organizations with incident preparedness, risk management and the acquisition of cybersecurity software and services. He has worked on some of the largest cybersecurity incidents in Canadian history and dozens of other incidents, including data breaches and ransomware attacks.

On privacy compliance, Jade has particular experience in the retail, financial and technology sectors, helping clients balance compliance, risk, innovation and competitiveness. Jade has a strong interest in leading the rapid development of privacy and cybersecurity law. He recently appeared before the B.C.’s Legislative Assembly’s Special Committee to review the *Personal Information Protection Act*. Jade has spoken on technology, privacy and cybersecurity at dozens of events and guest lectured at the University of Victoria and for Osgoode Hall Law School’s Certificate in Privacy and

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Cybersecurity Law.

Unique Public Sector Experience

As part of his unique public sector focus, Jade has extensive experience advising on British Columbia's public sector privacy legislation (the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) for public bodies and their service providers. He has also led the negotiation of public sector technology contracts and outsourcing and understands the unique privacy, cybersecurity and commercial needs of the public sector.

Advancing Legal Technology

Supporting technology adoption in the practice of law, Jade is a member of the Firm's Cloud Committee, has worked on several projects to adopt new technology and has provided on-going education within the firm and to clients on how to improve their practices with technology.

Jade is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia and Law Society of Saskatchewan (inactive). Jade clerked for the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal under the Chief Justice.

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Canadian Technology Law Association (CAN-TECH) – Board Member
- International Association of Privacy Professionals – Member
- Vision Zero Vancouver – Board Member
- Vancouver's School Streets – Volunteer
- Métis Nation British Columbia – Citizen

Awards & Rankings

Chambers Canada

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Leading Lawyer: Privacy & Data Protection

Lexpert Rising Stars - 2024

Leading Lawyer Under 40

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Data Protection & Privacy; Technology Transactions

Lexpert Special Edition: Technology & Health Sciences

Leading Laywer

Global Data Review 40 Under 40 - 2021

Recognizes the top 40 data lawyers under the age of 40 from around the world.

Horace E. Read Award - 2011

Awarded to graduating student who has made the greatest overall contribution to scholarship and student life.

Schulich Scholarship in Law - 2010

Award based on academic merit and community involvement.

McCarthy Tétrault Leadership Award - 2010

Award based on academic merit and community involvement.

Hon. Richard B. Hanson Prize in Constitutional Law - 2010

Awarded for the highest mark in Constitutional Law.

Recent Experience

- **McCarthy Tétrault Advises Petroglyph Development Group and Snuneymuxw First Nation on Historic Acquisitions of Elements Casino Victoria and Casino Nanaimo**

January 16, 2025

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- **ElectraMeccanica Vehicles Corp is acquired by Xos, Inc.**

March 26, 2024

- **Waste Connections Inc. acquires energy waste treatment and disposal facilities from Secure Energy Services Inc. for C\$1.075B**

February 1, 2024

- **Blue Wolf Capital Partners acquires LOGISTEC Corporation for C\$1.2B**

January 9, 2024

Recent Insights

- **Is an Emoji a Signature? Divided Court of Appeal Makes New Law From Bad Flax**

December 18, 2024

- **Tenant Background Checks: Balancing Screening and Privacy**

August 6, 2024

- **Technology Perspectives Outlook 2024**

February 12, 2024

- **Key Considerations for Building an Effective Whistleblowing Policy**

November 9, 2023

Events

- **Optimizing In-House Practice with People, Process and Technology Seminar**

October 3, 2022

- **12th Annual National Retail and Consumer Markets Summit**

February 23, 2022

