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Bar Admission

British Columbia 1999

Law School

University of Toronto

Practices

Real Estate
Real Property Acquisitions &
Dispositions
Leasing
Real Estate Financing
Real Property Development

Industries

Energy & Resources
Hospitality
Infrastructure
Power

With extensive commercial real estate experience, Craig helps clients navigate their most complex transactions.

Craig Shirreff leads our Real Property and Planning Group in Vancouver. He advises clients in a number of different industries on all aspects of commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, development, structuring, leasing and financing.

Craig has a keen mind, is detail-oriented and is a determined negotiator. He's clearly committed to protecting his client's interests.

— CLIENT, CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS

His recent experience includes the following transactions by industry:

DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

- acting on an on-going basis for various developers in British Columbia in connection with site acquisitions, marketing, pre-sale matters and development work for residential and mixed-use projects, including projects involving air-space parcel subdivisions, marina facilities and social housing;
- acting for the vendor of the Bentall Centre office complex in Vancouver, British Columbia;
- acting for the vendor on the sale of St. Paul's Hospital and the Station Street research and innovation park lands in Vancouver, British Columbia;

HOSPITALITY / RECREATION

- acting for the vendor on the sale of Grouse Mountain Resort in British Columbia;
- acting for the purchaser of the Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia;

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- acting for the developer of "Parq", a destination entertainment and casino complex adjacent to BC Place in Vancouver, British Columbia;
- acting for the vendor on the sale of commercial retail space and development lands located in Blue Mountain, Ontario;
- acting on an on-going basis for an international hotel operator in connection with matters involving its managed hotels in British Columbia;

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- acting on an on-going basis for a public research university in British Columbia in connection with various matters, including land management, leasing and regulatory issues;

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

- acting for the lenders in a project financing for the Dokie Ridge wind farm, a 144-megawatt wind farm project near Chetwynd, British Columbia;
- acting for the lenders in a project financing for the Toba Montose hydro power plant, a 78-megawatt run-of-the-river project near Powell River, British Columbia;
- acting for the lenders in a project financing for the Jimmie Creek hydro power plant, a 62-megawatt run-of-the-river project near Powell River, British Columbia;
- acting for the lenders in a project financing for the Skookum Creek hydro power plant, a 25-megawatt run-of-the-river project near Squamish, British Columbia;
- acting on an on-going basis for several Canadian independent power producers in connection with various land tenure, security and title insurance matters;

CONSUMER PRODUCTS / RETAIL

- acting on an on-going basis for the Canadian branch of one the world's largest fast-food restaurant chains in connection with various matters in British Columbia, including leasing and site acquisitions;
- assisting a Canadian furniture retailer with provincial real estate matters relating to its takeover of a competitor;

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- acting on an on-going basis for several private liquor store groups in British Columbia in connection with site acquisitions, financings, leasing and liquor licencing matters;

FORESTRY AND PAPER

- acting on an on-going basis for a provincial forestry company in connection with various matters, including land acquisitions, dispositions, development, land management and subdivision matters; and
- assisting an international tissue company with provincial real estate matters relating to its reorganization, refinancing and initial public offering.

Craig can make complex matters more accessible, provide succinct advice and is always clear in regard to legal options and the levels of risks thereby associated.

— CLIENT, CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS

Mr. Shirreff received a BA in Economics from the University of Victoria in 1995 and a JD from the University of Toronto in 1998. He was called to the British Columbia bar in 1999.

Mr. Shirreff sits on the editorial advisory board of the British Columbia Real Estate Practice Manual and the legal professions advisory committee of the Land Title & Survey Authority. He is the co-leader of the firm's National Post Secondary Initiative, the co-editor of the Firm's *Real Estate MATTERS* publication and a frequent contributor to the Firm's real property blog, "The Lay of the Land". He is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Vancouver Bar Association and the National Association of College and University Attorneys.

Awards & Rankings

Chambers Canada

Listed as a leading lawyer in the area of real estate for British Columbia in the 2023 publication, and has appeared in that publication since 2019.

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The Legal 500 – Canada

Next Generation Lawyer: Real Estate

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Listed as a leading lawyer in the areas of property leasing and property development in the 2023 publication, and has appeared in that publication since 2015.

Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure

Listed as a leading infrastructure lawyer in the 2024 publication, and has appeared in that publication since 2015.

The Best Lawyers in Canada

Listed as a leading lawyer in the area of real estate law in the 2024 publication, and has appeared in that publication since 2013.

Acritas Stars

"Stand-out lawyer"

Recent Experience

- **Innergex closes financing of three hydroelectric facilities for C\$179.9M**
November 14, 2023
- **Skyservice Business Aviation announces agreement to purchase interests in Fontainebleau Aviation's fixed-based operators**
October 17, 2023
- **JOLT and TELUS form a strategic partnership to accelerate electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Canada**
May 15, 2023
- **Group Mach acquires the InterContinental Montreal Hotel**
January 31, 2023

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Recent Insights

- **Two-Year Extension on the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians**

February 6, 2024

- **Empty Homes Tax Amended to Add Exemption for Completed but Unsold Condominiums in Vancouver**

July 13, 2023

- **Amendments to Policy Statements 5 and 6**

April 3, 2023

- **Major Changes to Prohibition on Non-Canadians Acquiring Residential Property**

March 28, 2023

