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Bar Admission

British Columbia 1997

Law School

University of British Columbia

Practices

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

Industries

Infrastructure

Scott Smythe is a Partner in the Real Property and Planning Group in the Vancouver office. His practice is focused on commercial real estate and related corporate matters, with a particular emphasis on commercial leasing. His practice involves extensive work with a number of major real estate investors, developers, landlords and tenants.

His recent experience includes:

- acting for the purchaser of the Canada Post building in downtown Vancouver (the largest single asset property purchase in British Columbia in 2013);
- acting for the developer of an 11-air space parcel development in Richmond (the largest air space parcel development in Richmond history);
- acting for an international retailer on its lease of an entire office building, and subsequent \$70 million acquisition of the building;
- acting for a private equity fund on multiple acquisitions and developments in British Columbia and Alberta;
- acting for major developers of master planned, phased, mixed-use, strata and industrial developments in the Lower Mainland;
- acting for the landlord of a large portfolio of office towers and industrial and retail properties;
- acting for the purchaser of the Bentall Centre Complex (valued at \$1 billion, making it one of the largest deals by value in BC);
- acting for the vendor of the Morgan Crossing Shopping Centre; and
- acting for the vendor of the Ottawa Marriott Hotel.

Scott presents regularly at real estate industry seminars and conferences.

Scott is the co-author of *McCarthy Tétrault's Annotated British Columbia Strata Property Act*, published by Carswell in April 2002 and updated annually. He is the co-author of chapters in each of the Continuing Legal Education Society's *Commercial Leasing - Annotated Precedents*, *Real Estate Practice Manual* and *Annual Review of Law and Practice* publications. He is also co-editor of *Real Estate MATTERS*, a periodic publication of the Real Property and Planning Group, and a regular contributor to *The Lay of the Land*, a national Canadian real estate blog.

Scott joined the firm in 1996. He received a BA (Honours) in 1990 and his LLB from the University of British Columbia in 1995. He was called to the British Columbia bar after clerking for the British Columbia Court of

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Appeal. He is a past Chair of the Real Property Subsection of the Canadian Bar Association (BC Branch) and a member of the Law Society of British Columbia. In 2017, Scott was appointed as a director of the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia.

Awards & Rankings

Chambers Canada

Leading lawyer in the area of: Real Estate - Nationwide Canada

Chambers Canada

Band 1: Real Estate - British Columbia

Best Lawyers in Canada

A leading lawyer in the area of real estate law

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Consistently Recommended as a leading lawyer in the areas of property leasing and property development

Lexpert's 2016 Special Edition

A leading infrastructure lawyer

Recent Experience

- **Maple Red Financial sells Bentall Centre to Blackstone and Hudson Pacific**
June 05, 2019
- **Parkland Fuel acquires Chevron Canada's downstream fuel business for C\$1.5B**
October 01, 2017