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Bar Admission

Alberta 2015

Law School

Dalhousie University

Practices

Tax

Tax Disputes

Tax Planning

Mergers & Acquisitions

From corporate and personal tax planning to dispute resolution, Erica brings both analytical and creative thinking to every project.

Erica is a partner in the National Tax Group in Calgary. She maintains a general tax planning practice.

Erica is a frequent speaker on a wide range of tax-related topics. She has published numerous papers for various publications and conferences. Erica has been awarded Canadian Tax Foundation's "Best Newsletter Article by a Young Practitioner Award" for her 2021 article "Do You Have Trust Issues? The Potential Application of Part VI.1 and Subsection 104(2) in Estate Freezes". In addition, Erica is an active member of the Calgary community. Erica has been a sessional instructor at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law, has coached the University of Calgary Donald G. Bowman National Tax Moot Team and sits on the board for Vertigo Theater.

Erica received her Juris Doctor and her Bachelor of Commerce (with Distinction) from Dalhousie University where she won a variety of honours for her academic achievements. She was called to the Alberta Bar in 2015. She is a member of the Law Society of Alberta, the Canadian Bar Association, the Canadian Tax Foundation and the Canadian Petroleum Tax Society.

Publications & Presentations

- Co-authored, "CRA Policy Should Not Be a Cure for Overbroad Legislation", Perspectives on Tax Law & Policy, September 2023
- Co-authored, "At What Cost? The Meaning of Cost in Canadian Income Tax," Report of Proceedings of the Seventy-Fourth Tax Conference, 2022 Conference Report (Toronto: Canadian Tax Foundation, 2023)
- Co-authored and co-presented, "Introduction to Tax Treaties", 2021 Canadian Tax Foundation's Young Practitioner Focus Conference, September 2021

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- “Do You Have Trust Issues? The Potential Application of Part VI.1 and Subsection 104(2) in Estate Freezes”, Tax for the Owner-Manager, vol.21, no.1, January 2021
- Co-authored, “The Death of the Tariff: A Review of the Tax Court’s Discretionary Approach to Costs Awards”, Canadian Tax Journal, 2020
- “Macdonald v. The Queen – When it Comes to Hedging, No One Cares What You Intended,” Tax Litigation (Federated Press), Volume XXI, No. 3, 2018 (co-authored)
- “Preparing for the Federal Carbon Tax Backstop”, Canadian Bar Association (Alberta), Taxation Non-Specialists Group Presentation, October 2018 (co-presented)
- “Preparing for the Federal Carbon Tax Backstop”, Canadian Petroleum Tax Society, October 2018 (co-presented)
- “It’s Not Easy Being Green – The Federal Carbon Pricing Backstop”, 2018 Prairie Provinces Tax Conference, (Toronto: Canadian Tax Foundation, 2018)
- “Friends Don’t Let Friends Get Assessed Under Section 160”, Tax for the Owner-Manager, vol. 18, no. 1, January 2018
- “A Lesson in Restraint: BP Canada’s Tax Accrual Working Papers are Beyond the Reach of the Minister”, Corporate Structures and Groups (Toronto: Federated Press, 2017) Volume XIV, No. 3, 16 to 19.
- “An Overview of the New Private Corporation Tax Proposals”, Canadian Bar Association (Alberta), Tax Non-Specialists Group Presentation, October 2017
- “Another Reason to Avoid Shareholder Benefits”, Canadian Tax Focus, vol. 6, no. 1, February 2016

Recent Experience

- **Suncor Energy announces C\$1.5B medium term note offering**
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- **Crescent Point Energy completes C\$500M bought deal offering of common shares**

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- **Glencore to acquire remaining 17.8% shares of PolyMet for approximately US\$73M**

November 7, 2023

- **TransAlta Corporation announces agreement to acquire Heartland Generation for US\$658M**

November 2, 2023

Recent Insights

- **A Practical Guide to the New Mandatory Disclosure Rules of the Income Tax Act**

September 14, 2023

- **Federal Budget Proposes to Eliminate the Flow-through Share Regime for Oil, Gas, and Coal Activities and Introduce an Investment Tax Credit for Carbon Capture**

April 8, 2022

- **2022 Canadian Federal Budget Commentary – Tax Measures**

April 8, 2022

- **Federal Government announces a federal review of housing as an asset class, and proposes various income and sales tax amendments**

April 8, 2022

Events

- **McCarthy Tétrault Tax Perspectives: Mandatory Disclosure Rules – Reportable Transactions**

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- **McCarthy Tétrault Tax Perspectives: Mandatory Disclosure Rules – Reportable Transactions**

November 9, 2023

- **McCarthy Tétrault Tax Perspectives: Recent Developments in Tax Administration and Litigation - Calgary**

May 31, 2023

- **McCarthy Tétrault Tax Perspectives: Review of 2022 & 2023 Outlook**

February 1, 2023