



**Oliver B. Hamilton, Lawyer**  
**BA (Econ), MBA, LL.B**

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My law practice capitalizes on thirteen years of international business experience that I gained prior to becoming a lawyer. Since being called to the British Columbia Bar, I have chiefly practiced Business Law (commercial agreements, share/asset purchase & sales, shareholders' agreements, corporate governance) and Real Estate Law (commercial/residential purchase & sales, leasing and tenancies, real estate development, strata property) as well as handling general commercial disputes. My legal experience extends to matters concerning wills, estates, trusts, tax, and the environment from the perspectives of both transactions and litigation.

Beyond solid legal counsel, I offer my clients financial and technical knowledge, an analytic aptitude, and practical business acumen acquired through working in the cement, steel, energy, and transportation industries. I have completed projects, ranging from large, complex engagements, to small, entrepreneurial start-ups; all of which involved successful teamwork.

Prior to practicing law, my career in industry included managing corporate strategy aimed at effective use of Information Technology, corporate finance, international trade and multi-modal (rail, trucks, barges and deep-sea ships) logistics of bulk commodity supply-chains. For over a decade, I worked as a management consultant and conducting financial, marketing, and risk analysis using complex statistical methods advising a variety of large and small companies. In sum, I was a versatile generalist.

I hold a BA (economics) and a LL.B degree from the University of British Columbia and my MBA from Simon Fraser University. My graduating MBA paper, "*Growth patterns of Canadian high-tech firms and Gibrat's Law*", was published in The International Journal of Technology Management, in London, UK.

I also hold a Fellow of Risk Management (FRM) designation through the Risk and Insurance Management Society of New York and was commissioned as a Canadian military engineer officer (2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.) following military officer training.

The extensive skills that I gained through work in industry throughout North America and internationally has enabled me bring a constructive perspective and balanced understanding to each of my client's particular legal issues. I am uniquely positioned to provide my clients with practical solutions and options, having both legal and business perspectives. My experience and analytic background enables me to spot potential pitfalls and give my clients well-rounded guidance that takes into account the "bigger picture", going beyond just legal advice.

Over the years, I have advised the boards and executives of several not-for-profit charities and societies both as clients and on a *pro bono* basis. I am currently volunteering as an advisor to the CEO and the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity (Greater Vancouver).