



## Joanna Dawson

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### education and year of call

- Called to the British Columbia bar - 2012
- University of British Columbia, J.D. - 2011

### practice areas

acquisitions and divestitures  
business law  
mergers and acquisitions  
business formation  
corporate governance  
negotiated transactions

### industries

marine  
terminals  
transportation

### profile

Joanna is a partner in the Business Law Group and the Transportation Group in the firm's Vancouver office. She practices in the areas of corporate, commercial and maritime law. Joanna routinely advises companies in the marine industry and a wide range of other industries on general corporate and commercial matters, including mergers and acquisitions, sales and purchases of businesses and marine assets, business structuring and organization, corporate restructuring and reorganization, and preparation and negotiation of agreements and contracts.

Joanna's clients turn to her for day-to-day advice on their company operations and appreciate her practical and business-minded legal advice. She brings to her practice a depth of knowledge in the marine and transportation sectors acquired through her experience in working with ferry operators, shippers, ship owners and charter parties, and ship builders, locally and internationally.

### directorships and professional associations

- Law Society of British Columbia, Member
- Canadian Bar Association, Member
- The Canadian Maritime Law Association, Member
- Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA), Secretary

### representative matters

Joanna represents clients in a variety of interests and matters,

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including:

- Acted as Canadian counsel to a US bank in the financing of the acquisition of a large marine transportation service provider operating in the U.S. and Canada.
- Represented a Canadian company in its acquisition of a water systems and services company.
- Acted as Canadian counsel to HCI Equity Partners and AmerCare in the acquisition of a Canadian supplier of private label and branded disposable products to Canadian foodservice, retail, institutional and industrial markets and distributors.
- Acted as Canadian counsel to West Fraser in connection with its US\$430 million acquisition of six sawmills and a finger-jointing facility from the Howard Gilman Foundation and the cross-border financing in respect of its US\$200 million term acquisition facility.
- Acted as Canadian counsel to a leading company in the global maritime market
- Counsel to a local marine services companies
- Provided corporate, commercial, and transactional advice for businesses engaged in ship construction and systems integration, ownership, finance and management, port and terminal facilities
- Represented numerous corporate clients with internal corporate reorganizations.

## media mentions

["Amendments to the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and Marine Liability Act"](#), *HazMat*, March 13, 2019

## publications

### January 2020

New Transparency Requirements: Private Companies in British Columbia Now Required to Collect and Disclose Shareholder Information  
Business Law Bulletin

### June 2019

The Transport Finance Law Review – Edition 5

### June 2019

Applying the Nairobi International Convention in Canada: The *Wrecked, Abandoned and Hazardous Vessels Act (Canada)*  
Transportation Bulletin



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Amendments to the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* and *Marine Liability Act*  
Transportation Bulletin

**June 2018**

The Transport Finance Law Review – Edition 4

**May 2018**

The Transport Finance Law Review  
The Law Reviews - 4th Edition - Canada Chapter