

## CRAIG HARKNESS\*



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Craig Harkness is an accomplished commercial real estate lawyer with a secondary focus on commercial lending matters.

With extensive expertise in a range of commercial real estate matters, Craig advises on acquisitions and divestitures, development, ownership structures, mortgage financings and leases. He represents purchasers, vendors, developers, landlords, and tenants of commercial real estate properties.

As part of his commercial lending practice, Craig represents clients in secured and unsecured financings, domestic and cross-border lending, syndicated financings, and loan realizations and workouts.

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**Expertise:** Capital Markets & Securities, Commercial Real Estate, Leasing

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**Position/Title:** Partner, Commercial Real Estate

**Directorships & Affiliations:**

- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association
- Calgary Bar Association
- NAIOP, Commercial Real Estate Development Association, Former

**Education & Admissions:**

**Degree:** Called to the Alberta bar

**Year:** 2001

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**Degree:** LLB

**University:** University of Saskatchewan

**Year:** 2000

**Rankings & Recognition:**

- Recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada (2025) as a leading lawyer in the areas of Corporate Law and Real Estate Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in Canada (2024) as a leading lawyer in the area of Corporate Law and Real Estate Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in Canada (2023) as a leading lawyer in the areas of Corporate Law and Real Estate Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in Canada (2022) as a leading lawyer in the areas of Corporate Law and Real Estate Law

**Speaking Engagements:**

- Rapid Fire Legal Roundtable: Addressing 5 Current Leasing Issues Specific To The Calgary Market

- May 25, 2017

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- Closing the Deal: Creating the Ideal Lease and Completing the Transaction

- June 2014

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- Assignment and Sublease Negotiations Speaker, 15th Annual Commercial Real Estate Leases

- 2013

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- Assignment and Sublease Negotiations

- 2012

### **Representative Matters:**

- Purchase of lands near Fort Saskatchewan for a processing facility
- Purchase of apartment buildings in Edmonton and Calgary
- Purchase and sale of industrial and office buildings in Calgary, Edmonton and Fort McMurray
- Purchase, sale and financing of retail shopping centres
- Purchase and sale of commercial condominium properties
- Purchase and financing of various hotel properties
- Representing landlord and tenant on numerous office and commercial leases
- Representing oil and gas borrowers in debt financings with various banks and syndicates
- Represent developers on various projects in Alberta

### **Teaching Engagements:**

- Course Leader for Federated Press Commercial Real Estate Leases Course in Calgary

**Practices:** Capital Markets & Securities, Commercial Real Estate, Leasing