

JOANNA DAWSON

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Joanna Dawson is a respected corporate commercial lawyer known for her proven expertise in marine law and transportation law. She has extensive experience advising ferry operators, shippers, ship owners and charter parties, and shipbuilders, locally and internationally.

Clients in a range of industries, including private equity and the food, beverage and agribusiness sectors, appreciate Joanna's practical and business-minded approach to providing general day-to-day advice, and guidance on mergers and acquisitions, sales and purchases of businesses and assets, business structuring and organization, as well as corporate restructuring and reorganization. She also assists in the preparation and negotiation of agreements and contracts.

Active in the business and legal communities, Joanna is a member of The Canadian Maritime Law Association (CLMA) and President of WISTA Canada (Women's International Shipping & Trading Association).

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Position/Title: Partner, Business Law | Marine

Directorships & Affiliations:

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

Publications:

- "[The Law Reviews - 4th Edition - Canada Chapter](#)" (May 2018)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the British Columbia bar

Year: 2012

Degree: JD

University: University of British Columbia

Year: 2011

Media Mentions:

- "Amendments to the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and Marine Liability Act", HazMat, March 13, 2019

Representative Matters: Joanna represents clients in a variety of interests and matters, 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.



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