

# PETER BOTZ\*

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Peter Botz is a highly experienced tax lawyer with a practice that encompasses the full range of tax planning and implementation for corporations and individuals. *Best Lawyers in Canada* (2021) recognizes him as a leading lawyer in the area of tax law.

Known for his skills in the structuring of tax-effective corporate and commercial transactions, Peter has proven expertise in capital markets and securities, mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, plans of arrangement, spin-off transactions and corporate reorganizations. He plays an integral role in the planning and implementation of securities offerings and other corporate finance transactions. He also advises employers on the tax aspects of compensation and incentive plans.

Peter has worked for many clients engaged in international trade and global business operations, and he regularly advises on the tax elements of inbound and outbound business transactions and structures.

A secondary focus of Peter's practice is individual and closely held business tax planning, including trust and estate tax planning.

Peter is a frequent speaker and contributor on topics relating to tax law, and has lectured on international transactions as adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia's Peter A. Allard School of Law. He leads the firm's Tax Group in British Columbia.

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**Expertise:** Capital Markets & Securities, International Trade, Mergers & Acquisitions, Tax

**Location:** Vancouver

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**Position/Title:** Partner, Tax

**Directorships & Affiliations:**

- Canadian Bar Association

- Canadian Tax Foundation
- International Bar Association
- International Fiscal Association
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners
- Past member, Vancouver Board of Trade Federal Budget Task Force
- Past member, B.C. Chamber of Commerce Finance and Taxation Committee

#### **Education & Admissions:**

**Degree:** Called to the British Columbia bar

**Year:** 1990

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**Degree:** Called to the Alberta bar

**Year:** 1986

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**Degree:** LLB

**University:** Queen's University

**Year:** 1985

#### **Rankings & Recognition:**

- Recognized by the Best Lawyers in Canada (2021) as a leading lawyer in the area of Tax Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada (2020)* as a leading lawyer in the area Tax Law
- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Canada 2010 Report on Canada's Leading Business Lawyers (Corporate Tax)

**Representative Matters:** Recent representative transactions as tax counsel include:

- Acted for Bit Stew Systems in its agreement to be acquired by GE Digital in a deal valued at US\$153-million (November 2016).
- Acted for Northern Dynasty Minerals in its completion of a concurrent registered US offering and Canadian offering of Units (with prospectus), for total proceeds of \$17.1 million (June 2016).
- Acted for Auryn Resources Inc. in its bought deal transaction, of a mix of flow-through and non-flow-through shares, of \$15 million proceeds (May 2016)
- Acted for Plentyoffish Media Inc. ("POF") and its founder in POF's acquisition by The Match.com Group for

US\$575 million in cash (July 2015)

- Acted for Tahoe Resources Inc. in a secondary offering of its shares by Goldcorp Inc. for \$998 million (June 2015)
- Acted for Cayden Resources Inc. in its agreement to be acquired by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited for total consideration of approximately C\$205 million (November 2014)
- Acted for West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. with regard to its US\$300 Million Senior Notes Offering (October 2014)
- Acted for Koppers Inc. in its acquisition of Osmose Holdings, Inc.'s wood preservation and railroad services businesses for \$460 million (August 2014)
- Acted for PNI Digital Media Inc. in its acquisition by Staples Incorporated (July 2014)
- Acted for Asanko Gold Inc. with regard to its acquisition of PMI gold corporation for \$185 million (February 2014)
- Acted for West Fraser Mills Ltd. with regard to West Frasers acquisition of sawmill and lumber remanufacturing facilities in Edson, Alberta, from Sundance Industries, including crown timber tenure rights (October 2012)
- Acted for CTF Technologies, Inc. in its acquisition by FleetCor Technologies, Inc. for US\$180 million (July 2012)
- Acted as Canadian tax counsel for Great Canadian Gaming Corporation on the following (July 2012):
  - offering of 6.625 per cent senior unsecured notes with a principal amount of \$450 million
  - \$100 million substantial issuer bid
  - a tender offer for US\$170 million outstanding principal amount of its 7.250% subordinated notes
- Acted for Century Iron Mines Corporation in its formation of a joint venture with WISCO International Resources Development & Investment Limited regarding Century Iron's Sunny Lake iron property (August 2011)

#### **Teaching Engagements:**

- Peter has taught the International Transactions course as adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia (Law School).

**Practices:** Capital Markets & Securities, International Trade, Mergers & Acquisitions, Tax