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Ten Farris Partners Named Among Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Lawyers by Lexpert



2016 – Denise C. Nawata

Denise is a partner in the firm's Securities and Corporate Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions and Mining & Energy practice groups. Denise has experience in a broad range of transactions including debt and equity financings, mergers involving both public and private companies, plans of arrangements and other corporate reorganizations. Her practice also focuses on advising issuers with respect to securities reporting, compliance and disclosure obligations and general corporate matters. In addition, Denise advises clients on mining title matters and project permitting issues.

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2015 - Nikki L. Charlton

Nikki specializes exclusively in the area of family law. Her practice includes all matters affecting families in British Columbia such as separation, divorce, property division, common law trusts, spousal support, child support, guardianship, residency, and parenting time. Nikki has extensive experience drafting complex cohabitation, marriage, and separation agreements, and has appeared before all levels of court in British Columbia. As a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Nikki provides services from either a collaborative or litigation approach depending on the individual needs of her clients.

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2014 - Tim A. Dickson

Tim is a partner in Farris' litigation group in Vancouver. He practices as general counsel and acts in many areas of law, from complex commercial disputes to constitutional test cases. Tim is an experienced advocate who regularly appears in lengthy trials and public inquiries and before appellate courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada. Tim's focus is on achieving results for his clients, whether through litigation or through negotiation, mediation or arbitration.

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2013 - Teresa M. Tomchak

Teresa has been involved in numerous shareholder disputes, hostile take-over bids and proxy fights, including several precedent setting decisions as discussed more in the representative matters section. Teresa has also been involved in contested plans of arrangement.

Teresa's practice also includes securities regulatory matters. Teresa has represented clients during investigations and enforcement hearings before various provincial securities commissions and IIROC. Such matters have included allegations of insider trading, illegal distributions, market manipulation discretionary trading and suitability matters. Teresa's regulatory work often involves matters particular to the mining industry including compliance with National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

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2012 - Mike J. Wagner

Mike is a partner in the litigation and media law groups. Mike's business litigation practice involves all aspects of corporate/commercial litigation, including trials, motions and appeals in all levels of the Courts of British Columbia. Mike acts for clients in the strata and real property, financial services, technology and software sectors; and also for shareholders, officers and directors when disputes arise concerning ownership and management. Mike has also been counsel on several class actions.

Injunctions are an area of particular interest for Mike. Injunctions are often necessary to protect a client's strategic position, its control over assets or property, or to protect intellectual property such as confidential information and trade secrets against theft and misuse by competitors and former employees.

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2011 - Sean Hern

Sean Hern is a partner in Farris' litigation group. Called to the bar in 2002, Hern works from Farris' offices in Victoria and Vancouver. He practices as general litigation counsel and has argued cases in all levels of court and before numerous administrative tribunals. Named as one of Lexpert's "top 40 under 40" for 2011, Sean has acted on behalf of clients in a wide range of commercial, administrative and public interest matters. In the commercial field, Hern handles disputes over contracts and partnerships, mining litigation, real estate and employment disputes, corporate oppression claims, negligence issues and fraud.

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2010 - Ludmila B. Herbst

Ludmila is a litigator who practices primarily in the areas of complex corporate and commercial litigation, media law, arbitration and litigation related to land and other resources (including property assessment, planning and utilities). Ludmila has appeared before all levels of court in British Columbia and before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Ludmila was named by Lexpert, Canada's most respected legal publication, as one of Canada's Leading Lawyers Under 40 in 2010. This award honours rising stars in the legal community under the age of 40 as selected by Lexpert's Advisory Board. She is recognized in the 2013 Best Lawyers Directory as a leading corporate and commercial litigator. Furthermore, Ludmila is named female litigator of the year for British Columbia by the 2013 Benchmark Canada Litigation Guide.

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Prior Winners

- 2009 - David J. Selley
- 2008 - Trevor R. Scott
- 2007 - Bradley A. Newby