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EDUCATION

University of Saskatchewan, BComm,
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Brent Kraus co-leads the firm's Corporate Department and practices in the areas of public and private mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions, shareholder activism, securities and corporate governance matters. He has experience in a wide breadth of industries, including the oil and gas and related services sector, new energy ventures, natural resources, transportation and financial services. Brent has significant experience in domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions as well as debt and equity offerings on behalf of both issuers and underwriters. His corporate governance advisory work includes advising corporations, boards of directors and special committees with respect to general compliance matters as well as transaction-specific mandates.

Brent has led complex transactions, both contested and friendly, involving plans of arrangement, proxy contests, take-over bids and recapitalizations, including coordinating concurrent litigation and regulatory strategy.

"Brent is very strong for his client service, his level of sophistication and his commercial awareness and vision. I would consider him to be an exceptional talent with deep transactional knowledge and a trusted advisor. He has the perfect blend of legal prowess and situational awareness that is most critical in complex transactions."

Chambers Canada

Calgary-based Brent Kraus, 'works to find business solutions'.

The Legal 500 Canada 2020

Brent is recognized by *Chambers Canada* in Corporate/Commercial; the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as "Most Frequently Recommended" for each of Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Finance & Securities and Corporate Commercial Law; the *Lexpert Guide* to Leading U.S./Canada Cross-border Corporate Lawyers; *The Legal 500 Canada* as a Leading Lawyer in Capital Markets and M&A; *Who's Who Legal Canada* as a leading lawyer in Mergers & Acquisitions, Energy and Capital Markets; and by *LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell*.

Brent is also a former co-head of the firm's Capital Markets and Mergers & Acquisitions practice and was a member of the firm's Partnership Board from 2016 to 2021. He is corporate secretary for several private companies.

Prior to joining Bennett Jones, he served as law clerk to Mr. Justice J.C. Major at the Supreme Court of Canada.