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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Law

> I bring practical legal and business judgment from the shop floor to the boardroom.

Drawing on 11.5 years as general counsel to family office and private fund managers with over $1.3 billion in assets under management, Zeke brings an in-house, business-focused perspective to private practice. He advises private businesses, entrepreneurs, fund managers, registrants, family offices and private clients on corporate and commercial matters, private capital transactions and structures, governance, financing, regulatory compliance and complex business situations.

Education

2006 Dalhousie University, JD and MBA

2000 Dalhousie University, BA (Honours)

Admission

2007 Alberta

Experience

Zeke's experience combines private practice with more than a decade working as general counsel within private investment, family office and operating-business environments. His work spans corporate and commercial matters, private capital markets and private equity, family office and private client matters, and securities registrant compliance.

Corporate & Commercial

- Acted as general corporate counsel to a major construction-industry participant, including designing and implementing an employee ownership structure incorporating RRSP, TFSA and lifetime capital gains exemption planning.
- Advised an automotive sports industry business on a $30 million contractual workout and restructuring.
- Negotiated complex commercial arrangements across the energy, manufacturing, technology and other sectors and designed and implemented commercial contract-review processes and negotiation guidelines.

Private Capital Markets & Private Equity

- Structured and formed a $150 million real estate fund and advised on its ongoing capitalization.
- Structured and formed a $125 million industrial materials business through a limited partnership, advised on its ongoing capitalization and development, and served as a director of its general partner.
- Acted on the $100 million acquisition and restructuring of a private REIT holding U.S. properties.

- Structured, formed and capitalized a $65 million residential real estate development fund, including an employee-owned investment partnership, and advised on capital deployment.

Capital Markets Registrant Compliance

- Served as general corporate and compliance counsel to two major Canadian financial-services platforms operating across the exempt-market dealer, investment fund manager, portfolio manager, mutual fund dealer and securities dealer categories.
- Advised on a $20 million financial-services registrant roll-up and combination strategy involving the acquisition and restructuring of four registrants.

Private Client & Family Office Services

- Advised private clients and family offices on governance, partnership and mutual fund trust structures, business ownership and investment structures, and private-company M&A transactions.
- Acted as lead and supporting counsel to private clients on corporate, investment and business matters.

Memberships

- **Law Society of Alberta**

Community

- **Trustee, Heritage Park Society and Heritage Park Foundation Governance and Nomination Committee; member, Audit and Finance Committee and GEMS Fundraising Committee**
  - Chair (2025–present)
- **Historical Society of Alberta.**
- **Glenmore Sailing Club**
- **Calgary Yacht Club**
- **Former Commodore (President) and board member of the Glenmore Sailing Club**
- **Former competitive Olympic Laser-class sailor, with national-level coaching and board experience.**