

## Mark Bursey, TEP

### Partner

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Mark's focus is on corporate and commercial law, including corporate reorganization, finance and acquisitions, with an emphasis on corporate income tax and estate planning. He works with national and international clients spanning wide-ranging industries to navigate to the best possible advantage in buying, selling or expanding a business. Mark advises private and public companies with national and international operations, and acts as Nova Scotia counsel to US-based multinationals on transactions involving acquisitions, mergers and hybrid-financing deals. His experience includes leadership on broad-scale corporate projects such as:

- The sale by Empire Company Limited of its Empire Theatres business, comprising the sale of 46 theatres with 397 screens in Canada.
- The sale of an international bottled water company to a multinational food corporation, including tax and corporate reorganization.
- The reorganization, merger and initial public offering of a private Nova Scotia subsidiary to become one of only two national grocery retailers in Canada.
- The reorganization of an Ontario-based, public Nova Scotia company with U.S. and Canadian operations which became the subsidiary of a newly-formed public Delaware-based corporation as the result of a merger.

## Practice Areas

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Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Corporate Formation/Reorganization

Corporate Governance

Estates & Trusts  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Pensions & Benefits  
Tax

## **Education & Career**

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### **Education**

University of New Brunswick, LLB, 1989  
Memorial University of Newfoundland, BComm, 1986

### **Activities**

Director of the McMichael Canadian Art Foundation  
Former chair of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia's Board of Governors  
Former board chair of Sacred Heart School of Halifax  
Investment Policy Advisory Committee, Halifax Regional Municipality (1998 - 2006)  
Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD), Directors Education Program (June 2013), and Governance Essentials Program for Directors of Not-for-Profit Organizations, 2010  
Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants In-Depth Tax Course  
Member, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners - Canada (STEP)  
Member, Canadian Bar Association, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, Canadian Tax Foundation and Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD)

### **Accolades**

Best Lawyers: Corporate Law, 2013 - 2024  
Best Lawyers: Tax Law, 2013 - 2024  
Best Lawyers: Trusts and Estates, 2011 - 2024  
Lexpert rating: Corporate Commercial Law, 2010, 2013 - 2014, 2016 - 2024  
Lexpert rating: Estate & Personal Tax Planning, 2015 - 2017  
Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®  
TEP designation from STEP