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EDUCATION

McGill University, BEng, 2000, with distinction

University of British Columbia, MSc, 2003

Dalhousie University, LLB, 2006, dean's list

University of Cambridge (UK), LL.M., 2009, first class honours

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ontario, 2008 (inactive)

Alberta, 2009

Wesley Novotny provides tax advice on a wide range of corporate and personal tax matters. Wes has extensive experience advising clients in disputes with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), having managed large and complex corporate and personal CRA audits. He has also successfully represented clients through the CRA appeals process as well as before the Tax Court of Canada and Federal Court of Appeal.

Wes has been involved with employee ownership trusts since their infancy in Canada. He was a member of the Advisory Board of the Canadian Employee Ownership Coalition, including providing submissions to the Department of Finance regarding draft legislative proposals. Wes advised Grantbook on one of the first employee ownership trust transactions in Canada.

Wes also provides tax and pension benefits standards advice to Canadian pension plans. He advises on farm taxation matters, including succession and reorganizations of farm businesses.

Wes clerked for Madame Justice Alice Desjardins and Mr. Justice Robert Déary of the Federal Court of Appeal. He attended McGill University as a Loran Scholar. He continues to be involved with the Loran Scholars Foundation and has assisted with the Loran selection process since 2009.

Wes is a member of the Canadian Tax Foundation, serves on the board of directors of 4-H Alberta and is a past director and president of the Canadian Petroleum Tax Society.