



## Darlene W. Scott, KC

Partner



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Darlene W. Scott, Q.C. (She/Her/Hers), served as Chair of Dentons Edmonton's **Banking and Finance** group for over 10 years. She provides legal advice to a broad range of institutional and corporate clients on a range of commercial matters, including sales, leasing, development, and acquisition of real estate, business and shares.

Darlene has also represented lenders and borrowers in financing and secured transactions for more than 35 years. She acts regularly for institutional and other lenders in documenting secured transactions and has acted for borrowers in a broad range of industries. Her experience ranges from real estate and other asset-based lending, to project and operating financing, together with more specialized lending such as retirement compensation arrangements. She also acts extensively for developers of commercial, residential, industrial and condominium projects.

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Chair/Acting Chair of the Alberta Law Foundation from 2017-2020.

Darlene currently is serving as President of the Law Society of Alberta.

## Experience

- **Canadian Chartered Bank:** Advising the bank as lender and administrative agent for the lenders, on a CA\$231 million syndicated credit facility to finance the construction of a mixed use retail and office tower in Alberta.
- **Rexall Sports Corporation:** Advising in the acquisition of the Edmonton Oilers National Hockey League Franchise.

## Recognition

First recognized in 2010, Darlene has been commended for her extensive knowledge and experience in a variety of respected publications, including:

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada:* Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; Real Estate Law
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:* Banking & Financial Institutions; Corporate Commercial Law; Property Development
- *Lexpert Special Edition – Canada’s Leading Lawyers:* Finance and M&A; Corporate
- *Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer:* Independently rated lawyer (formerly Acritas)
- *Martindale-Hubbell:* AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating

## Honors and Awards

- Recipient, “*Women in Law Leadership – Stronger Together Award: Alberta,*” 2020
- Named "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers for Banking and Finance Law, Edmonton (2017, 2021, and 2023); Real Estate Law, Edmonton (2020, 2022); Corporate Law, Edmonton (2014, 2018)
- Awarded a Queen’s Counsel designation (2016)

## In the Media

- Mentioned in “Alberta appoints 39 lawyers as Queen's Counsel”, *Lexpert*, March 2016
- Highlighted in “Darlene Scott of Dentons Canada appointed Queen’s Counsel”, *Lexpert*, March 2016.

## Insights

- Co-author, "**Second update: Personal guarantees in Alberta during the pandemic,**" *Dentons Insights*, August 18, 2020

## Activities and Affiliations

- President, Law Society of Alberta, 2021
- Bencher to the Law Society of Alberta, 2014 – 2020
- Director, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada
- Former Chair, Alberta Law Foundation
- Director, KV Mortgage Fund Inc.

## Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Past Sessional Lecturer, University of Alberta, Faculty of Law

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- Chair and Instructor, Legal Education Society Seminars
  - Director, Little Warriors, 2008 - 2012
  - Volunteer – Santa’s Anonymous, Christmas Bureau, Edmonton Community League Centre, Edmonton Food Bank

## Areas of focus

Automotive  
Banking and Finance  
Financial Institutions

Mergers and  
Acquisitions  
Real Estate

## Education

University of Alberta, 1984, LLB

University of Alberta, 1981, Arts, (Economics and Sociology)

## Admissions and qualifications

Alberta, 1985

## Languages

English

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