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Practice Areas

Asia Pacific
Business Reorganizations
Foreign Businesses and Cross-
border Structuring
Mergers and Acquisitions
Securities and Corporate Finance
Startups and New Ventures

Bar Admission

British Columbia, 2006
Alberta, 2004

Education

University of Calgary, LL.B., 2003
University of Hong Kong
(exchange semester) 2003

JOE C. CHAN, PARTNER

Joe Chan is the Practice Group Leader of our Asia Pacific Group, and a member of the firm's Business, and Technology and Innovation Groups. He has been a member of Richards Buell Sutton since moving to Vancouver more than a decade ago. Prior to that move, he lived and practiced law in Calgary. Through all of that time – and now – Joe has advised on business law, mergers and acquisitions, and securities/corporate finance matters for a broad range of clients, including TSX/NEO/TSXV/CSE listed public, mining, resource, real estate investment, technology, and video game companies. He also advises on trusts and joint ventures, and for restaurants, artists and writers, to name a few.

Joe has experience with a wide array of mergers and acquisitions and other business transactions, assisting clients from the “start-up” phase of their business to the “exit” sale of their business, and all issues and challenges that arise in-between – all with a focus on providing sensible, practical advice to help his clients realize their dreams (and, hopefully more).

He has also worked on securities law matters, from assisting clients through their IPOs, debt and equity financings, corporate governance matters, plans of arrangement, and ‘go private’ transactions, as well as on a broad range of cross-border transactions.

Outside of his legal work, Joe has written about food, music and art for numerous publications, was the publisher/editor of a monthly arts/culture magazine, and a co-editor/writer for two food websites.

Joe provides legal services through Joe Chan Law Corporation.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENT WORK

- Completion of a \$150 million sale of a private electron beam processing company by way of a plan of arrangement
- Completion of a \$159 million acquisition of a mobile game company, with



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University of Calgary, B.Sc., 1999

Languages

Cantonese

English

concurrent public offering and public listing on TSX

- Advising vendors in USD \$75 million sale of private video game company
- Completion of an acquisition of an industrial minerals/products business with activating mining operations
- Completion of multiple public mining company sales by way of plan of arrangement
- Advising on dual listing applications in Canada and the United Kingdom
- Completion of numerous “qualifying transactions” for TSXV-listed capital pool companies
- Registration of “exempt market dealers” under BC securities laws
- Structuring of mortgage investment corporations and completion of offering memorandum financings
- Structuring of real estate limited partnerships and completion of unit offerings
- Merger of accounting firms
- Advising law firms regarding partnership issues and structures
- Structuring advice for start-up restaurant franchise venture
- Restructuring of a real estate investment company to a REIT structure, with concurrent public offering
- Public offering of convertible debentures for a TSXV-listed real estate investment company
- Cross-border acquisition of inspection services business and software manufacturer
- “Go private” transaction of a technology company through a triangular amalgamation, with concurrent formation of a cross-border joint venture

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PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board of Directors, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden
- Board of Directors, Greater Vancouver Food Bank (2017-2018)
- Pro bono legal advice to the former Chinatown Night Market and “Golden Dumpling” food festival (2013-2015)
- Board of Directors, on-air show host of CJSW FM 90.9 (1995-2006)

HONOURS & AWARDS

Joe has been recognized by Best Lawyers® in the area of Mergers and Acquisitions Law for the 2025 edition. Inclusion in this publication is based entirely on peer-review.



CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

“Joe’s advice was always prompt and of excellent quality. From providing valuable comments on the translated Mexican agreement, to helping us with news releases, shareholder memorandums, etc., his guidance was so clear and effective that we “passed” all of TSXV’s requirements promptly.”

Mike Clarke & Patricia Fong
Plata Latina Minerals Corporation

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NEWS

January 20, 2023

Happy Lunar New Year!

February 1, 2022

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June 12, 2019

Joe C. Chan Supports Future of Chinatown's Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

May 9, 2019

RBS Partners take on Everest!

January 22, 2018

RBS Appoints New Practice Group Leaders for Asia Pacific and Business Transactions Groups

July 19, 2017

Asia Pacific Group Offers Multilingual Legal Services

June 20, 2017

Congratulations to Joe Chan on his appointment to the Board of Directors for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank

August 27, 2015

RBS is a sponsor of the 2015 BC Beer Awards

October 3, 2014

New resource for craft beer breweries and distilleries: announcing CraftCounsel.ca

August 13, 2014

RBS sponsor of The Golden Dumpling Cook Off and Derby Event

January 3, 2012

Richards Buell Sutton LLP Names Two New Partners

EVENTS

May 15, 2019

RBS continues our support of the Association of Corporate Growth

PUBLICATIONS

May 27, 2021

RBS Business Lawyers Author Third Edition of Make Your Move

July 6, 2017

When you are ready, make your move.

December 3, 2015



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New Changes to Offering Memorandum Rules

May 15, 2015

Crowdfunding Arrives in British Columbia

May 1, 2015

Securities Law Update – Changes to the Accredited Investor, Friends, Family and Business Associate, and \$150,000 Minimum Amount Investment Prospectus Exemptions



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