



## Liam Kelley

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Liam maintains a diverse litigation practice that includes complex commercial disputes, white collar crime matters, construction litigation and securities law. He has appeared as counsel before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

Liam is a key member of the Blakes Business Crimes, Investigations & Compliance group. He has substantial experience with internal investigations and defence work related to corruption, fraud, insider trading, environmental offences and campaign finance law. Liam also advises on compliance with domestic and international anti-corruption legislation, and he assists large corporate clients with anti-corruption due diligence during commercial transactions.

Liam maintains an active *pro bono* practice related to his white collar expertise. He recently travelled to Harare, Zimbabwe to train local police, prosecutors and financial intelligence officers on how to identify and investigate economic crimes.

Prior to joining Blakes, Liam spent time in Europe working in international sports arbitration, where he was involved with several matters before the Court of Arbitration for Sport. He also worked as a case manager for the Sport Solution legal clinic at Western University, where he advised Canadian national team athletes on a variety of sport-related disputes.

### SELECT EXPERIENCE

Liam has acted as counsel to:

- Multinational clients in connection with international investigations related to bribery allegations in Africa, Eastern Europe, Central America and the Caribbean
- A multinational client in connection with an internal investigation related to allegations of fraud in the U.S.
- A multinational insurance company in a successful motion to set aside a default judgment
- A public gaming company in successfully defending an application to prevent the conversion of its convertible preferred shares to common shares
- A public company in connection with statutory plan of arrangement proceedings
- An oil and gas services company in respect of a multimillion-dollar construction arbitration
- Multinational clients in connection with the design and implementation of compliance programs
- Multinational clients in the natural resources industry in respect of compliance with the *Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act* (ESTMA)

- Public and private clients across a variety of industries in conducting anti-corruption due diligence during commercial transactions

## **PUBLICATIONS**

[Co-author: Corporate and Financial Crimes Series, #3: Bribery & Corruption Offences](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Business Crimes, Investigations & Compliance, June 6, 2018.

[Co-author: Another Step Forward: Canada Announces Impending DPA Legislation and Further Integrity Regime Amendments](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Business Crimes, Investigations & Compliance, February 27, 2018.

[Co-author: Growing Pains in the Evolution of Canadian Anti-Corruption Enforcement](#)

The FCPA Report, Vol. 6, No. 4, March 1, 2017.

## **PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCES**

[Co-author: Proactive Compliance: Building and Implementing an Anti-Bribery Compliance Program](#)

47th International Mining and Oil & Gas Law, Development and Investment Special Institute, April 26-28, 2017.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

[Quoted: Lawyers Part of Anti-Corruption Training](#)

Law Times, October 15, 2018.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Liam is an Adjunct Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School (York University), where he teaches an advanced course in contract remedies. Liam is also a member of the Law Society of Ontario, the Law Society of Alberta, the Canadian Bar Association, the Ontario Bar Association and the Calgary Bar Association.

## **EDUCATION**

Admitted to the Ontario Bar - 2018

Admitted to the Alberta Bar - 2015

J.D., Western University - 2014

B.A. (Political Science, First Class Hon.), St. Francis Xavier University - 2011