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### **Profile**

Craig Spurn practises energy law and is Co-chair of the Energy Group. Craig's clients include Canadian and foreign energy companies, income funds, service and technology providers, and private capital firms. He has extensive experience in local and international oil- and gas-related transactions and projects. Craig is recognized as one of Canada's leading energy lawyers by *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2007*, and in the fall of 2004, he was ranked as one of the top 40 lawyers in Canada 40 years of age and under by *Lexpert* magazine.

Recent energy-related matters that Craig has advised on include:

- Harvest Energy's acquisitions of the Come By Chance Heavy/Sour Crude Refinery (CAD 1.6 billion), Birchill Energy (CAD 440 million), oil and gas assets from Nexen (CAD 260 million), and oil and gas assets from EnCana (CAD 526 million)
- Latin American crude oil marketing business acquisition
- Coalbed Methane joint-venturing arrangements
- Calpine Natural Gas Trust's acquisition of oil and gas assets (CAD 275 million)
- EnCana Corporation's disposition of midstream assets (CAD 115 million)
- Sinopec International's acquisition (CAD 105 million) and partnering with Synenco Energy in the Northern Lights oil sands project (CAD 4.5 billion)
- Biomass power plant acquisition, refurbishment project financing and restructuring
- Structuring, creation and capitalization of energy asset-based private mutual fund trust

### **Education**

Admitted to the Alberta Bar - 1991

LL.B., University of Alberta - 1990

B.A., University of Alberta - 1987

### **Recent Media Appearances**

Mentioned - "Trust Closes Nexen Oil Deal", *The National Post*, P. FP10, September 14, 2005.

### **Recent Publications**

Author - "Canada Chapter", *Getting the Deal Through - Gas Regulation 2007*, Global Competition Review, April, 2007.

Contributing Editor/Author - "Global Overview", Getting the Deal Through - Gas Regulation 2007, Global Competition Review, April, 2007.

Co-author - "The Oil and Gas Sector from a Legal Perspective", International Mergers and Acquisitions Review 2007/2008, Euromoney Yearbooks, March, 2007.

Co-author - "Canada Chapter", Getting the Deal Through - Oil Regulation 2006, Global Competition Review, July, 2006.

Contributing Editor/Author - "Global Overview", Getting the Deal Through - Oil Regulation 2006, Global Competition Review, July, 2006.

Co-author - "Canada's Oil & Gas Sector: Year In Review", International Oil & Gas Finance Review 2006, March, 2006.

Co-author - "Canadian Oil & Gas Insight: An Industry Perceptions Study", Blakes/mergermarket, January 2006.

Author - "Anatomy of an Oil & Gas Property Transaction: Part 1- Conducting Due Diligence", Blakes Bulletin on Energy - Oil and Gas, July 2004; The Negotiator, February 2004.

### **Recent Professional Activities**

Speaker - "Cross Border Issues", 2006 Oil Sands Summit, Strategic Research Institute, Houston, Texas, October 5, 2006.

Moderator - "Canada/Europe Roundtable on Business", Calgary, Alberta, September 26, 2006.

Speaker - "Canadian/International Energy Trade, Investment, Security and the Environment", GasFair/PowerFair, Toronto, Ontario, April 20, 2006.

Speaker - "What Every Business Lawyer Needs to Know About Oil & Gas Asset Transactions", CBA Business Law Section Meeting, Calgary, Alberta, March 16, 2006.

Chair - "Oil & Gas Property Transactions", Insight Conference, Calgary, Alberta, March 22, 2005.