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PROFILE

Brent obtained his LL.B from the University of British Columbia in 1996 and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1998. Brent is a partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and PwC Law LLP – an independent tax law firm affiliated with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Brent's practise has focused exclusively on commodity tax and related cross border matters including goods and services tax (GST), harmonized sales tax (HST) and provincial sales tax (PST), with his practice focusing on providing structuring advice and assistance in relation to financial services, insurance placement services, corporate reorganizations, fund management services, partnership transactions and cross-border matters. A significant part of Brent's practice includes advising financial institutions on their respective compliance obligations and structuring arrangements to minimize the amount of unrecoverable GST/HST that they ultimately pay. Brent also has extensive experience in dealing with various taxation authorities in resolving tax disputes and has represented clients at the Federal Court and the Tax Court of Canada. He is ranked in the Lexpert Directory as being repeatedly recommended on commodity tax matters and is the acting Secretary of the Canadian Bar Association's Commodity Tax, Customs and Trade Section.



Brent has authored numerous articles and papers on commodity tax matters including conference papers for the CPA's Commodity Tax Symposium, the Canadian Tax Foundation, the Ontario Bar Association, the Canadian Bar Association, the Tax Executives Institute, and CCH Webinars. Brent has been a co-instructor at the CPA's In-Depth GST Course on financial services and is a regular contributor to CCH's *GST Monitor*.

Brent is a member of the GST Leaders Forum, the Canadian Bar Association's Sales and Commodity Tax section, the Canadian Tax Foundation and was awarded the Normand Guerin Award for his "outstanding contribution to the advancement of commodity tax studies" in 2010 and 2013.