

Leading Regional Law Firm adds depth in its Lawyer ranks

Pallett Valo appoints four new lawyers to expand its service capabilities.

MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO – October 17, 2016 –Pallett Valo LLP, the largest business law firm in Peel Region, is pleased to welcome four new highly skilled lawyers to its team. With these additions, Pallett Valo continues to expand its roster of lawyers with diversity, experience and depth that further cements its position as a leading law firm in Ontario

Nozomi (Zoe) Smith

Zoe Smith joins us as a valued member of our firm's rapidly expanding Wills, Estates & Trusts Practice. Zoe expertly leads clients through an extensive range of sensitive end of life will, trust and estate planning matters including: Wills, Powers of Attorney for Property and Personal Care, testamentary trusts, inter vivos trusts; Certificates of Appointment of Estate Trustee With or Without a Will; advising Attorneys, Trustees and Executors with respect to their duties and responsibilities as fiduciaries, as well as giving guidance on various aspects of trust or estate administration. Zoe is one of the few native speakers of Japanese in the Ontario Bar, and is able to assist individuals and families in estate planning and administration matters arising in Ontario and Japan seamlessly. She also has a network of estate lawyers and accountants in Japan who assist her clients on the Japanese side. Zoe was called to the Ontario Bar in 2010.

Neeta Sandhu

We are pleased to introduce Neeta Sandhu as the newest member to our Commercial Litigation and Construction Law Practices. Neeta represents individuals and businesses ranging from family owned businesses to large multinational corporations in matters including business disputes, credit remedies, negligence and general litigation. She also provides advice and representation in connection with those in the construction industry, including contractors, suppliers, owners and mortgagees in matters relating to contract disputes, breach of trust claims and general collections. Neeta was called to the Ontario Bar in 2016.

Sawsan Selwyn

With over 10 years experience from the UK, Sawsan Selwyn joins our Commercial Real Estate Practice acting for developers, builders and mortgage lenders on real property matters. Whether it is a commercial lease, commercial acquisition and disposition, high value transaction, financing or residential development, Sawsan uses her diversified background and expansive knowledge to provide excellence in client service. A skilled negotiator, Sawsan has successfully represented clients in a wide variety of Landlord and Tenant disputes in relation to lease renewals, market rent, boundaries, access, and other lease clauses, negotiating terms and where necessary progressing the matter to court. Sawsan was called to the Ontario Bar in 2016.

Jason Hayward

As a new member of our Commercial Real Estate Practice and the Business Law Practice, Jason is excited to bring his insight and business acumen in the development of a practice that deals with an extensive range of commercial real estate, municipal law and corporate and commercial law matters, including the purchase and sale of real property, financing transactions, condominium and cooperative housing development and other land development matters. Jason was called to the Ontario Bar in 2016.

Reflecting on these new hires, Managing Partner Bobby Sachdeva said, “We appear to be headed for another growth phase with these hires bringing bench strength to some of our busiest practice groups. We are grateful to our clients and referral sources for their continued trust in us which in turn drives us to grow to meet their needs”.

Sachdeva concluded, “Neeta and Jason were excellent articling students and we look forward to watching them grow into outstanding lawyers. Our lateral hires Sawsan and Zoe bring experience and depth to our Wills & Estates and Commercial Real Estate practice groups. First and foremost all of our recent hires are great people and excellent lawyers. At the same time, I am also proud to say that these hires further demonstrate Pallett Valo’s ongoing commitment to diversity and to ensuring that our lawyers better represent the community within which we live”.

About Pallett Valo LLP

Pallett Valo is the largest business law firm in the Region of Peel with roots in the Mississauga community that go as far back as 1948. The firm was recently selected as one of Ontario’s top 10 regional law firms by the readers of *Canadian Lawyer Magazine* for the third consecutive time (2011, 2013 and 2015). Rankings were based on the firms’ regional service coverage, client base, notable mandates, service excellence and legal expertise. The firm practices in the areas of business law, commercial litigation, commercial real estate, construction, insolvency and corporate restructuring, employment and labour, as well as wills, estates and trusts.

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