



Bennett Jones

Trading & Derivatives

Market volatility has provided our clients with many opportunities and challenges over the years. This has never been more true than today and our clients, like the trading and derivatives industry itself, have become increasingly more sophisticated in the use of financial and physical trading agreements to improve their position.

At Bennett Jones, we offer lawyers that understand the trading and derivatives industry in a way that few law firms can match. While we act for some of the largest trading houses in the world, more commonly we advise the "buy side" of the market. As such, we are not just experts in understanding what a particular bank or trading house believes to be market. Instead, we know what *is* market.

Our expertise in the energy industry is unrivalled in Canada with many of our partners and associates well versed in the intricacies of trading. However, our expertise goes well beyond this fundamental industry to our firm. For example, acting for sovereign wealth funds and large pension funds, we have gained an understanding of equity trading that goes far beyond what is normally found in private practice. If you have any questions about share or index swaps, options, variance swaps or volatility swaps, we have lawyers that can answer those questions.

In addition, with our bench strength in financial services, we offer lawyers that have the ability to seamlessly align your trading documentation with your credit facilities. On a regulatory front, we have advised large and small industry participants in the intricacies of the developing Canadian derivatives regulatory regimes. As there are 13 different provincial or territorial regulators of derivatives in Canada, this may seem overwhelming for clients. Rest assured that we have the lawyers and the expertise to provide practicable and sound guidance to you whether you are located in Canada or dealing with a Canadian counterparty.

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