



## ADAM PEKARSKY

### Founding Partner & Executive Recruiter

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**E**xecutive search expert Adam Pekarsky is the Founding Partner of Pekarsky & Co. and has been recruiting executives in Western Canada for over 17 years. Widely regarded as the most connected person in the Alberta legal community, Adam has managed to keep the third generation of Pekarsky lawyers in Alberta relevant, albeit in a way that does not involve practicing law as both his father and grandfather did before him.

A frequent writer, commentator and speaker on topics of interest to the legal and business communities, Adam has achieved success as a member of the management team of a national law firm, a Partner in a global executive search firm and a practicing lawyer.

An active member in good standing of the Law Society of Alberta, Adam has also earned a reputation for honesty, integrity and discretion in all that he does. In a feature article on Adam that appeared in *Alberta Venture* magazine, a senior partner from a global law firm's Calgary office said, "No one knows this market and its lawyers and law firms better than Adam."

Prior to founding Pekarsky & Co. in 2009, Adam was a Client Partner in the Calgary office of Korn/Ferry International, where he was a member of the Firm's Global Industrial Market's Energy Sector, as well as the Firm's Legal Center of Expertise.

Previously, Adam was the Director of Professional Development

“ I believe the key to success in a people business is being an authentic person. Combined with skill, humanity, humility and humour will almost always win the day.”

and Recruitment for Western Canada with a national law firm and he served as Division Director with Robert Half Legal, where he led a team that specialized in recruitment of lawyers for both law firms and corporations. In his final year with the company, Adam achieved the distinction of being Robert Half Legal's top revenue-generating recruiter worldwide.

Adam holds an LL.B. from the University of Alberta and a bachelor's degree in political science with an emphasis on Canadian-American relations from Tufts University in Boston where he attained summa cum laude distinction for his undergraduate thesis.

In 2015, Adam was honoured with a *Business in Calgary* Leaders Award; in 2016 he proudly accepted the Alberta Venture Fast 50 award, recognizing Alberta's 50 fastest growing companies, and in 2017 he accepted a *Canadian Lawyer* Reader's Choice award for best legal recruitment firm in Canada.

While not running the day-to-day operations of the firm or helping to raise his three kids - Chloe, Sammy and Jacob - Adam can be found immersing himself in our community. Adam spent five years on the Board of Directors of Tourism Calgary, and presently sits on the YMCA of Calgary Board of Directors, where he chaired the Strategy Committee, sits on the Governance Committee and leads the Camp Chief Hector Endowment Committee.

Adam continually focuses his firm's efforts on community and philanthropy, including acting as a Gold Sponsor for the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Candy Cane Gala in support of the Alberta Children's Hospital and supporting the Pekarsky & Co. Pro Bonos hockey team seven years running, raising over \$430,000 for Alzheimer's research as part of the Gordie Howe Stick It To Alzheimer's hockey tournament. He has even donned a pair of stilettoes to parade around Olympic Plaza in support of the YWCA's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes.

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Adam can be found most weekends, and perhaps some week days, enjoying some quiet time with his family at his home in Fernie, B.C. where he one day plans to retire, learn how to fly fish and run for Mayor.



“ Adam’s **human touch** is remarkable in the world of recruitment. He is not a recruiter; he is a **confidant**, navigator and advisor in a competitive and challenging landscape. Throughout the process Adam behaved as if I was his only candidate and sole mandate. **Responsive, respectful, professional and authentic...** Adam genuinely wants the best outcome for both parties.”

Lawyer/Partner and successfully placed candidate, Calgary and Vancouver.