



## *Where are they now?*

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### James Rosowsky

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Former Kamsack resident establishes law firm in Calgary. The son of a long time Kamsack lawyer has established his own law firm in Calgary.

James Rosowsky, son of Connie Rosowsky of Kamsack and the late Orest Rosowsky, who had established the firm of Rosowsky and Campbell, which now continues as the firm of Stamatinos Leland Campbell, where his sister, Chrissy works as a lawyer, recently opened his own firm called James Rosowsky Professional Law Corporation. James was born and raised in Kamsack and left for Saskatoon when he was about 19 to attend the University of Saskatchewan. He received a bachelor of arts degree in political studies in 2000 and a bachelor of law degree, with distinction, in 2006.



While attending university James pursued a career in music, playing in multiple bands and operating his own recording studio. After graduating from university, James moved to Calgary with his wife Karley and daughter Kassia who was then only a few months old. In 2008 James and Karley also had a son named Maxwell.

After moving to Calgary, James articulated and practiced as a lawyer at one of the largest law firms in Canada, McCarthy Tétrault, a firm that currently employs approximately 750 lawyers.

“The benefit of spending three years at McCarthy’s was that I was exposed to the inner workings of some very large deals and transactions that I could previously only read about in the paper,” Rosowsky said. “I also gained insight on research techniques and practice skills used by some of the top business lawyers in Canada.” James explained that McCarthy Tétrault attracted some fairly large deals.

“The biggest file I ever worked on was a bankruptcy emergence of an independent power company,” he said. “The transaction involved more than 50 lawyers and other professionals across North America who all worked together to get the deal done. In the end, the company issued \$6 billion of common shares to the public to pay its debts. “It was a pretty fascinating transaction and there were a lot of moving parts,” he said. “The hardest part wasn’t necessarily the legal work, but managing relationships between all of those lawyers and accountants. Rosowsky said that all files weren’t so enormous and that he also had experience with respect to smaller transactions, including purchase and sale agreements and public and private financings.

“While I was at McCarthy’s, I really started to think that I may be able to better serve the broader public if I struck out on my own,” he said. “I put together a business plan and my wife and I made a decision to get this thing off the ground. “Running a small practice is a lot different than working at a big firm, but in the end the work itself is still the law.”

When asked if setting up a law firm was a lot of work, Rosowsky responded jokingly, “It is a lot like starting up a band. There are a lot of pieces that have to come together to make the thing work. The main difference was that I didn’t have to write any new songs.”

Rosowsky’s practice focuses solely on business law matters including corporate and commercial law and even some wind energy matters. He has established a website where more information is available on his practice at [www.jrplc.com](http://www.jrplc.com) and can be reached via email at [james@jrplc.com](mailto:james@jrplc.com).