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Practice areas:

- Business Law
- Privacy & Cybersecurity
- Securities & Capital Markets

A partner at the Calgary-based [McLeod Law](#), Rishi Chakraborty is a valuable member of the firm's business law group, and he focuses on mergers and acquisitions and securities transactions. While he has been steadily advancing his career, [Thomson Reuters® Practical Law Canada](#) has been a big part of that journey, serving as his go-to legal resource. **"I have Practical Law bookmarked as a tab when I open my browser," says Chakraborty. "And it's always running in the background."**

Widespread use within McLeod Law

But Chakraborty isn't the only proponent of Practical Law. It's widely used throughout the firm—so much so that **"it's part of our training and orientation model," says Chakraborty.**

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Common uses for Practical Law

While Practical Law offers a wide range of features and capabilities, common uses at McLeod include **Legal Updates** and **Practice Notes**. “We like how the information is kept up to date,” says Chakraborty. “It’s current, and it cuts down on a lot of research for lawyers across the firm in terms of navigating the current state of the law, practice points, and other items that are continuously evolving.”

Chakraborty himself has, over the course of his career, used various aspects of the tool. Now, as a partner working mostly in an advisory capacity, he finds himself turning to features like “deal summaries” in **What’s Market**, which are especially useful in discovering what’s current in the transaction space. **“I find that extremely valuable and productive in my conversations and negotiations with opposing parties and counsel,” he adds.**

Going above and beyond

Just as Practical Law has been helpful in advancing Chakraborty’s career, he’s now using it to go above and

beyond for clients. While he has distinct specialty areas, he’s been able to use Practical Law to advise clients in other areas. When questions have come up about cybersecurity or data breaches, “Practical Law gives me the confidence to delve into those areas that I do not frequently practice,” he says. **“And because of Practical Law, I’ve been able to include that practice area as part of my larger practice.”** Using Practical Law to expand his area of expertise not only benefits Chakraborty’s career, but it also enables him to support existing and new clients more effectively and generate additional business for the firm.

A valuable mentor

In the legal profession, there’s always learning, there’s always help and advice from those higher up, and there’s always Practical Law. Chakraborty will attest that he and his firm would be at a disadvantage if they didn’t have this valuable tool at their disposal. He himself admits that he is where he is today in large part because of Practical Law. **“To a large extent,” he says, “I would credit my career development to Practical Law.”**

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