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Expertise

Corporate
Finance
Capital Markets and Securities
Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Equity
Infrastructure
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Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1998

Derek has “the ability to concentrate on the real issues” and is “very practical, hard-working, diligent and a pleasure to work with.”

Client – *Chambers Canada*

Derek advises clients on a broad range of corporate matters, including corporate finance, banking, private equity, public-private partnership transactions, corporate reorganizations and general corporate matters.

He works in close partnership with his clients, advising banks, private equity firms, manufacturing and service businesses of all sizes – in Canada, the U.S., Europe and Asia.

He has significant expertise in advising clients on major syndicated credit facilities, acting for both borrowers and lenders. He also regularly consults on public-private infrastructure projects.

Derek teaches the Advanced Business Law course at Osgoode Hall Law School and has also lectured at Western University and University of Toronto Faculty of Law.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Mastermind Toys

Acted for Mastermind Toys in its proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, which included liquidating 18 stores and the sale of majority of its locations to Mastermind Toys Inc., a subsidiary of Unity Acquisitions Inc.

Ironbridge Equity Partners Management Limited

Acted for funds affiliated with Ironbridge Equity Partners Management Limited in the acquisition and related financing of Gardner Glass Products, Inc., a North Carolina-based company that manufactures and distributes tempered, mirrored, backpainted, and laminated glass products.

Ironbridge Equity Partners

Acted for Ironbridge Equity Partners in its acquisition (and related financing) of the Gesco Group of Companies, a leading specialty distributor of floor covering solutions across Canada, pursuant to a sale proceeding conducted under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*.

Ironbridge Equity Partners Management Limited

Acted for Ironbridge Equity Partners Management Limited in its acquisition and related financing of La Verrerie Walker Ltée/Walker Glass Company Ltd., a Montréal-based company that manufactures mirror and acid etch-glazing substrates.

Ironbridge Equity Partners

Acted for Ironbridge Equity Partners in its acquisition and related financing of North American Produce Buyers Limited, a leading importer and distributor of premium fruit.

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Beringer Capital

Acted for Beringer Capital in its acquisition (and related bank financing) of a majority stake in Dig Insights, a Canadian tech-enabled services company that delivers consumer insights and market research consulting, tools and solutions to leading brands across a range of sectors.

Birch Hill Equity Partners

Acted for Birch Hill Equity Partners in its joint acquisition (and related financing) with Investissement Québec of Québec-based Polycor Inc., the largest quarrier of natural stone in the world.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

Acted for Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in the refinancing of a US\$450-million senior secured revolving credit facility made available to HudBay Minerals Inc.

Northleaf Capital Partners

Acted for Northleaf Capital Partners in its joint acquisition with AVALT of a majority interest in AMAROK, LLC, a leading provider of contracted perimeter security infrastructure solutions in the United States.

TPG Real Estate Partners

Acted for TPG Real Estate Partners, the dedicated real estate equity investment platform of alternative asset firm TPG, in its acquisition (and related financing) of Cinespace Film Studios, North America's second-largest independent sound stage platform with best-in-class studio campuses in Toronto and Chicago.

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business—Banking and Finance

Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business—Banking and Finance

IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Banking; Project Development

The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada—Banking & Financial Institutions

The Legal 500 Canada—Banking and Finance (Leading Partner)

Lexpert Guide to US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada—Financing

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Project Finance Law

Who's Who Legal: Banking; Who's Who Legal: Canada; Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders Global Elite—Banking

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Banking and Financial Institutions (Most Frequently Recommended); Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Finance and Securities; Corporate Mid-Market; Private Equity; Project Finance

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Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining

Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure

Expert Guides—Banking; Banking, Finance and Transactional

INSIGHTS

Doing Business in Canada 2023, contributor
Nov. 14, 2023

Electronic Signatures: A Guide for Ontario Businesses
Mar. 04, 2021

Back to Normal? Ontario Court of Appeal Overturns *ClearFlow* Decision on Interest Disclosure under Section 4 of *Interest Act*
Sept. 06, 2018

Interest Disclosure under Section 4 of the *Interest Act*: The Ghost Is Clanking Its Chains Again
Feb. 09, 2018

Perfection by Control of Security Interests in Cash Collateral Accounts: Recent Ontario Developments
Dec. 07, 2016

The Banking Regulation Review, 7th ed.: Canada Chapter
May 01, 2016

The Banking Regulation Review, 6th ed.: Canada Chapter
June 08, 2015

EDUCATION

Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB (Silver Medallist), 1996
Queen's University, BComm (Honours), 1993

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Practical Law Canada, Finance Advisory Board

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

Derek has taught the corporate law component of the Bar Admission Course and is involved in teaching the Advanced Business Law Workshop at Osgoode Hall Law School. He has also lectured at Western Law.