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Expertise

Corporate
Financial Restructuring and
Insolvency

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2008

“Natalie is practical-minded, savvy and knows the ins and outs of insolvency.”

Industry Peer – *Chambers Canada*

Natalie has a broad commercial practice focusing on insolvency, corporate reorganizations, asset sales and acquisitions, creditor rights enforcement and proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*. She also advises on banking, finance and corporate matters. Her clients – including financial institutions, corporations, strategic investors and accounting firms – appreciate Natalie's business-minded solutions and expertise at identifying and resolving their important concerns.

A frequent lecturer on insolvency and commercial law matters at the Osgoode Professional Development Program, the Osgoode Professional LLM Program and Osgoode Hall Law School, Natalie also teaches their Regulation of the Canadian Cannabis Industry course. On top of her academic involvement, Natalie is a member of Davies' Toronto Student Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Knight Therapeutics Inc.

Acting for Knights Therapeutics Inc., as licensee of Antibe Therapeutics Inc., in Antibe's restructuring under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and receivership proceedings

The Body Shop Canada Limited

Acting for The Body Shop Canada Limited Inc. with its restructuring under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, which include liquidating 33 stores across Canada.

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

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*.

Tenneco

Acting for Tenneco, in its capacity as a large customer in the receivership of UTIL Canada under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.

Crystallex International Corporation

Acting as counsel for the debtor in Crystallex International Corporation's proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*.

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Deloitte

Acting as Canadian counsel to Deloitte as joint administrator of Links of London (UK) Ltd., a UK-based luxury brand jewellery company.

Laurentian University of Sudbury

Acted as lender counsel to Laurentian University of Sudbury in its restructuring proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, an unprecedented occurrence for a publicly funded Canadian university.

Blue Torch Capital LP

Acted for Blue Torch Capital LP, as lender, and HPS Investment Partners, LLC, as agent, in connection with the recapitalization of ASX-listed mining company, Boart Longyear Limited, under the secured creditors' scheme and unsecured creditors' scheme approved by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia.

Willoughby Asset Management Inc.

Acting for Willoughby Asset Management Inc., a large unitholder, in connection with Bridging Finance Inc.'s court-appointed receivership proceedings amidst allegations of fraud and misconduct.

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business—Restructuring/Insolvency

Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business—Restructuring/Insolvency

IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Restructuring and Insolvency

Lexpert Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Insolvency and Financial Restructuring; Financial Restructuring; Insolvency Litigation

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law

INSIGHTS

Annual Review of Insolvency Law (ARIL), Conference, "Oppression and Insolvency: When Does Prejudice Become Unfair?"; Webcast
Feb. 04, 2022

Are the Rumours True? Has There Been a Shift Away From the Use of Plans of Compromise and Arrangement under the CCAA? A Cross-Canada Look at the use of CCAA Plans of Compromise and Arrangement over the Years, co-author
Feb. 26, 2021

Insolvency Insider, "2020: A Year of Firsts in Cannabis Insolvencies"; Webcast
Jan. 25, 2021

Trending Decisions: Cases We Are Following, co-author
Nov. 15, 2020

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Trending Decisions: Cases We Are Following, co-author
July 07, 2020

Trending Decisions: Cases We Are Following, co-author
Aug. 15, 2019

Trending Decisions: Cases We Are Following, co-author
Mar. 15, 2019

Top Court Rules Bankrupt Corporations Can't Evade Environmental Obligations
Feb. 05, 2019

International Insolvency Confederation, "Blockchain & Cannabis: What every IIC member needs to know"
Dec. 12, 2018

Why the *Cannabis Act* Should Make Company Stakeholders Nervous
Nov. 28, 2018

EDUCATION

Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB, 2007
University of Toronto, BA, 2001

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation
Ontario Bar Association
Turnaround Management Association

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Turnaround Management Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Turnaround Management Association, Diversity & Inclusion Committee;
Executive Committee

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

Since 2013, Natalie has lectured on insolvency and commercial law matters at the Osgoode Professional Development Program, the Osgoode Professional LLM Program and Osgoode Hall Law School. Natalie also teaches the Regulation of the Canadian Cannabis Industry course at Osgoode Hall Law School and has taught the business law section of the CanBarPrep Course.