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Expertise

Commercial Real Estate
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Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2005

Clients know Patrice to be a business-minded practitioner who develops practical solutions for their complex deals.

Patrice advises on real estate and infrastructure matters, including acquisitions, financings, development of major real estate projects, joint ventures, commercial leasing and public-private partnerships. Clients across a broad range of industries – including real estate, pharmaceuticals, private equity, healthcare and manufacturing – value Patrice for her resourcefulness and commitment to excellence.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

McKesson Corporation

Acted for McKesson Corporation in the sale of its Rexall and Well.ca businesses in Canada to Birch Hill Equity Partners.

Pine Valley Packaging Group

Acted for the sellers in the sale of Pine Valley Packaging Group, a group of companies specializing in the design and manufacture of custom packaging solutions, to a joint venture by Konoike Transport Co., Ltd. and Kanepackage Co., Ltd..

Canada Infrastructure Bank

Acted for Canada Infrastructure Bank in its financing of HTEC Hydrogen Technology & Energy Corporation to construct and operate a hydrogen liquefaction facility in Vancouver, British Columbia, as well as three gaseous hydrogen production facilities in Burnaby, Nanaimo and Prince George, in addition to construction and operation of 20 hydrogen fueling stations in Western Canada.

Blackstone Inc.

Acted for Blackstone in its US\$3.5-billion take-private acquisition of Tricon Residential Inc., an owner, operator and developer of a portfolio of approximately 38,000 single-family rental homes in the U.S. Sun Belt and multi-family apartments in Toronto.

Atlas Holdings, LLC

Acted for Atlas Holdings in its US\$120-million acquisition of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.'s Quesnel River pulp mill in British Columbia and Slave Lake pulp mill in Alberta.

Outfront Media Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to OUTFRONT Media Inc. in the C\$410-million sale of its Canadian outdoor advertising business to Bell Media, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BCE.

Atlas Holdings LLC

Acted for Atlas Holdings LLC in its acquisition of Resolute FP Canada Inc.'s pulp,

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newsprint, and directory paper mill operations in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Lakeside Book Company

Acted for Lakeside Book Company, a portfolio company of Atlas Holdings, in its acquisition of Marquis Books.

Atlas Holdings, LLC

Acted as Canadian counsel to Atlas Holdings, LLC, in its acquisition of Crown Paper Group, which includes Port Townsend Paper Corporation and Crown Corrugated Company, an integrated mill and containerboard operation.

StorageMart

Acted for StorageMart in the restructuring of its Canadian portfolio of 67 self-storage facilities in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Québec.

EAS Energy Partners

Acted for EAS Energy Partners (a consortium comprising Enwave, AECOM and Saunders Concessions), which have entered into a concession agreement with the National Western Center Authority for the construction, financing, operation and maintenance of a campus energy program for the National Western Center in Denver.

Google LLC

Acted for Google LLC in its acquisition of North Inc., a pioneer in human computer interfaces and smart glasses.

StorageMart

Acted as lead counsel for StorageMart with the secured refinancing of its Canadian portfolio of 67 self-storage facilities in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Québec.

Graywood Group

Acting for the Graywood Group on the formation of a 50/50 joint venture for the development of a 47-storey condominium tower to be located at the corner of Peter and Adelaide in Toronto, Ontario, which will contain 695 residences and ground level retail.

Oakland Corridor Partners

Acted as transaction counsel to Oakland Corridor Partners team, comprising John Laing Investments Limited, AECOM Capital, Inc., Jay Dee Contractors, Inc., Ajax Paving Industries, Inc., Dan's Excavating, Inc. and C.A. Hull, in its winning bid for the design, build, financing and maintenance of the third and final segment of the I-75 Modernization Project in Michigan.

WellSpring Pharma Services Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to WellSpring and its shareholders in the US\$18-million sale of WellSpring Pharma Services Inc. to ANI Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Plenary Justice Abbotsford Limited Partnership

Acted for Plenary Justice Abbotsford Limited Partnership in its approximately \$150-million contract to design, build, finance and maintain the Abbotsford Law Courts project in Abbotsford, British Columbia. The new 14-room courthouse will

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include Provincial Court and Supreme Court courtrooms, as well as judicial conference rooms and space for all necessary justice partners. The courthouse is British Columbia's first new courthouse in 20 years.

Kolmar Korea Co., Ltd.

Acted for Kolmar Korea Co., Ltd. in connection with its acquisition of CSR Cosmetic Solutions Inc.

McKesson Corporation

Acted for McKesson Corporation, a leading international healthcare services and information technology company, in connection with its \$3-billion acquisition of Rexall and Rexall Pharma Plus, which operate approximately 470 pharmacies in Canada, from Katz Group, one of Canada's largest privately owned enterprises.

Woodbourne Canada Partners III (CA) LP

Acting for Woodbourne Canada Partners III (CA) LP with its \$180-million acquisition with Tridel Builders Inc. of the residential component of The Well from RioCan REIT, Allied Properties REIT and Diamondcorp.

Ironbridge Equity Partners

Acted for Ironbridge Equity Partners in its acquisition of Advance Engineered Products Ltd.'s tank production and services business under a sale proceeding conducted pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*. The assets purchased also include the mobile vacuum systems business carried on under the Westech Vac Systems name and the metal fabrication and machining business carried on under the Dumur Industries name.

Forest Resources LLC

Acted for Atlas Holdings LLC and Forest Resources LLC in connection with the sale of their Canadian operations, consisting of CanAmPac, Boehmer Box, and Strathcona Paper, to Rosmar Litho, a subsidiary of PaperWorks.

Plenary Group

Acted for Plenary Health Milton LP, which was awarded a contract by Halton Healthcare to expand and maintain the Milton District Hospital, a \$512-million project located in Milton, Ontario.

Redbourne Realty Fund

Acted for Redbourne Realty Fund in connection with its sale of the Madison Centre in Toronto to Northam Properties Inc.

Stonebridge Financial Corporation and Stonebridge Infrastructure Debt Fund Limited Partnership

Acted for Stonebridge Financial Corporation, Stonebridge Infrastructure Debt Fund Limited Partnership and other lenders in connection with a multi-tranche term credit facility in favour of Firelight Solar L.P. to finance a portfolio of approximately 65 photovoltaic rooftop solar projects.

Redbourne Realty Fund III

Acted for Redbourne Realty Fund III in connection with the purchase of the Erindale Corporate Centre in Toronto, Ontario.

Bayerische Landesbank, New York Branch

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Acted for Bayersiche Landesbank, New York Branch in connection with the establishment of a credit facility to finance the construction by SunE Hwy 2 S LP of a 10 MW ground-mount solar project near Kingston, Ontario, which had been awarded a 20-year power purchase contract under Ontario's Feed-in-Tariff Program.

Westerkirk Capital Inc.

Acted for Westerkirk Capital Inc. in its acquisition of Vista Broadcast Group Inc., the parent company of Vista Radio Ltd. which holds 38 broadcast licences serving 50 communities throughout British Columbia, Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Stonebridge Financial Corporation

Acted for Stonebridge Financial Corporation and a syndicate of lenders in connection with project financing for the Gesner Wind Farm project in Southwestern Ontario.

Plenary Group (Canada) Ltd.

Acted for Plenary Health Kelowna Limited Partnership, which was awarded the \$95.3-million contract by the Interior Health Authority to design, build, finance and maintain the new Interior Heart and Surgical Centre at Kelowna General Hospital, the first cardiac critical care centre in British Columbia outside the Lower Mainland.

407 East Development Group (SNC-Lavalin Inc. and Cintra Infraestructuras S.A.U.)

Acted for 407 East Development Group, a partnership formed by SNC-Lavalin Inc. and Cintra Infraestructuras S.A.U., in its winning bid for a 33.6-year DBFOM contract for the easterly extension of Highway 407 in Ontario and establishment of bank and short and long-term bond facilities for the financing of the project.

Holiday Canada ULC and Fortress Investment Group

Acted for Holiday Canada ULC and funds managed by Fortress Investment Group in connection with the refinancing of \$620-million of indebtedness secured on real estate assets located across Canada.

Redbourne Realty Fund II

Acted for Redbourne Realty Fund II in connection with its \$48-million purchase of the Gateway Centre, a two-building office complex located in Markham, Ontario, from Electra Real Estate Ltd.

MI Developments Inc.

Acted for MI Developments Inc. in the elimination of its dual-class share structure pursuant to a plan of arrangement under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario).

Atlas Holdings LLC and Blue Wolf Capital Partners LLC

Acted for Atlas Holdings LLC and Blue Wolf Capital Partners LLC in connection with the sale of Northern Resources Nova Scotia Corporation (the parent company of Northern Pulp, the Pictou County kraft pulp mill, and Northern Timber, which owns forest land) to Paper Excellence Canada Holdings Corporation.

Plenary Properties LTAP LP

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Acted for Plenary Properties LTAP LP, which was awarded the \$1.13-billion contract by Defence Construction Canada for a 33-year design-build-finance-maintain concession for the new headquarters of Canada's foreign intelligence and national cryptologic agency. Spanning over 84,000 square metres and scheduled for completion in 2015, the state-of-the-art facility will become the new home of Canada's national cryptologic agency. This project was awarded the 2011 North American Social Infrastructure Deal of the Year Award by *Project Finance* magazine.

Plenary Group

Acted for the Plenary Group which was awarded a contract by Infrastructure Ontario and the Province of Ontario to design, build, finance and maintain the new courthouse for the use and occupation by the Ministry of the Attorney General. This state-of-the-art facility will bring two existing courthouses (Superior Court of Justice and Ontario Court of Justice) into one facility in downtown Thunder Bay.

Plenary Roads

Acted for Plenary Roads which led the successful consortium for the design, build, finance and maintain of the Disraeli Bridges project in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Plenary Group and Innisfree Limited

Acted for Plenary Group and Innisfree Limited which were awarded a contract to design, build, finance and maintain a new, specialized mental health and outpatient medical services facility for St. Joseph's Healthcare. The new facility will provide more inpatient beds and more services than the current facility, and will have expanded outpatient clinics for psychiatry, diagnostic imaging and medical services, along with research and academic spaces.

Westerkirk Capital Inc. and Ironbridge Equity Partners Limited

Acted for private equity firms Westerkirk Capital Inc. and Ironbridge Equity Partners Limited in connection with their acquisition of Gaspard & Sons, a leading North American provider of robes and vestments, from the Gaspard family.

Redbourne Realty Fund Inc.

Acted for Redbourne Realty Fund in connection with the Redbourne Madison Property Inc. and Redbourne Madison Property LP Inc. acquisition of Madison Centre from Bentall Investment Management.

Plenary Group

Acted for The Plenary Group, part of Plenary Properties, which has teamed with York University to deliver a new state-of-the-art headquarters for the Archives of Ontario, in its successful bid to design, build, manage and finance the new Archives of Ontario building.

Access Justice Durham

Acted for Access Justice Durham (sponsored by Babcock & Brown, and including PCL Constructors and Johnson Controls), the successful consortium which entered into an agreement to design, build, finance and maintain the Durham Consolidated Courthouse, the first availability payment PPP relating to courthouses in North America and the first project to be completed by Infrastructure Ontario. This project received the 2007 CCPPP

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Award of Merit for Project Financing.

Ivanhoé Cambridge Inc.

Acted for Ivanhoé Cambridge Inc. in its acquisition of the interests of The Mills Corporation in three shopping centres located in Vaughan, Ontario, Glasgow, Scotland and Madrid, Spain for US\$988 million.

Roman Corporation Limited

Acted for Roman Corporation with respect to an application under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* for protection in January 2006. Following the application, the assets were sold to Forest Resources LLC.

EdgeStone Capital Equity Fund III LP

Acted for private equity fund EdgeStone Capital Equity Fund III LP in its acquisition, along with its co-investors including Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, of a 50% interest in Continental Alloys & Services, a Houston-based global manufacturer and distributor of bar and tubular products for the oilfield service industry.

RECOGNITIONS

Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Corporate Commercial Law

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Corporate Law; Real Estate Law

INSIGHTS

Ontario Joins Other Provinces in Introducing a Temporary Moratorium on Evictions of Small Business Tenants

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EDUCATION

University of Toronto, JD, 2004

University of Toronto, BSc (Hons) (with Distinction), 2000