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### Expertise

Corporate  
Financial Restructuring and  
Insolvency

### Bar Admissions

New York, 2023  
Ontario, 2018

Rob maintains a diverse corporate practice and strives to provide the highest level of client services in all matters.

Rob counsels private equity funds, their portfolio companies and public and private companies on a variety of transactions, including strategic investments, joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, financings and general corporate matters. He also advises on insolvency, corporate reorganizations, asset sales and acquisitions and proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.

Prior to returning to Davies, Rob was a senior associate at a major New York-based law firm.

## REPRESENTATIVE WORK

### Xplore Inc.

Acted for Xplore Inc., a leading provider of high-speed broadband services to Canadians in rural communities, in connection with a comprehensive recapitalization that included more than \$1.6 billion of new funding being committed to Xplore's fibre-to-the-home network roll-out by private debt and equity providers and under federal and provincial government broadband programs.

### FTI Consulting Canada Inc.

Acting for FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as the neutral, court-appointed monitor of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and its affiliates in proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code involving a historic C\$32.5-billion plan of compromise and arrangement to settle tobacco-related liabilities.

### Beattie Pet Hospitals

Acted for Beattie Pet Hospitals in the sale of substantially all of their assets to National Veterinary Associates, which consists of five veterinary clinics located in Ancaster, Burlington, Stoney Creek, Brantford and Hamilton.

### Fulcrum Capital Partners Inc.

Acted for Fulcrum Capital Partners Inc. and some of its related entities in the context of G.I. Sportz's restructuring under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, utilizing the relatively rare foreign recognized Canadian receivership proceedings to implement a cross-border asset sale to the purchaser of secured debt.

### Ironbridge Equity Partners

Acted for Ironbridge Equity Partners in its acquisition (and related financing) of a controlling interest in GNI Management Group Inc., a leading provider of insulation services, from Mill Street & Co.

### KSV Restructuring Inc.

Acting for KSV Restructuring Inc. as court appointed receiver in the restructuring proceedings of Vert Infrastructure Ltd.'s, resulting in the first ever reverse vesting

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order in a receivership proceeding.

### **FCF Co. Ltd.**

Acted as Canadian counsel for FCF Co., Ltd. in its US\$928-million acquisition of all the assets of Clover Leaf Foods and Bumble Bee Foods, North America's largest branded shelf-stable seafood companies, under a sale proceeding conducted under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

### **Bentley Leathers Inc.**

Acted for Bentley Leathers Inc., a Montréal-based luggage, handbags and travel accessories retailer, in its restructuring into a new entity to preserve over 160 of its 250 stores across Canada.

### **KSV Restructuring Inc.**

Acting for KSV Restructuring Inc. in its roles as Monitor of the Urbancorp Group of Companies in connection with proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and as Information Officer for Urbancorp Inc.

## **INSIGHTS**

The Rise of the Reverse Vesting Order in Canada; co-author  
Oct. 01, 2021

Trending Decisions: Cases We Are Following; co-author  
May 01, 2021

## **EDUCATION**

University of Western Ontario, JD, 2017

University of Toronto, BA (Philosophy and Bioethics), 2013

## **TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS**

Since 2021, Rob has been a guest lecturer at the University of Western Ontario.