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**Expertise**  
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Ontario, 2012

A skilled commercial negotiator and tax advisor, Sharon brings big-picture understanding to her clients' most complex transactions.

Sharon advises on domestic and international tax aspects of fund formation, cross-border transactions and mergers and acquisitions. Known for her deep technical knowledge, she advises clients in private equity, venture capital, private credit and real estate. She also works closely with financial institutions and private and public companies.

Canadian and foreign fund sponsors turn to Sharon for her expertise with fund structuring, management compensation and transactional matters. She also provides tax structuring advice to family offices and high-net-worth individuals.

Sharon acts pro bono for the Canadian Soccer Players Association and various charitable organizations. As an articling student, she clerked for judges of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto.

Sharon is a member of the Toronto Student Committee.

## REPRESENTATIVE WORK

### Northleaf Capital Partners

Acted for Northleaf Capital Partners in connection with the formation of Northleaf Private Credit III, a closed-end credit fund focused on mid-market corporate direct lending and asset-based specialty finance investments.

### AirBoss of America Corp.

Acted for AirBoss of America Corp. in connection with the refinancing of its senior secured credit facilities with a new US\$125 million asset-based lending revolving facility provided by a syndicate of lenders led by The Toronto-Dominion Bank and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and a US\$55 million term loan facility provided by Great Rock Capital Partners.

### Flex Ltd.

Acted as Canadian counsel to Flex Ltd. in its US\$325-million acquisition of Crown Technical Systems, a provider of integrated power distribution and protection systems.

### Ruck Lane Inc.

Acted for Ruck Lane Inc., a real estate-focused venture capital investor, in its strategic partnership with Private Pension Partners, which offers a fully integrated real estate service platform to institutional and high-net-worth clients, including asset management, development, property management, leasing and brokerage services.

### Ironbridge Equity Partners

Acted for Ironbridge Equity Partners in its sale of Alumni Educational Solutions, a leading manufacturer and distributor of educational furniture, to an equity consortium led by Castle Harlan.

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### **A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund**

Acted for A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund in its strategic combination with A&W Food Services of Canada to create a leading publicly-traded quick-service restaurant company.

### **Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc.**

Acted for Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc. in its C\$1.7-billion sale to 16133258 Canada Inc., a newly-formed and wholly owned subsidiary of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, implemented by way of a court-approved plan of arrangement under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*.

### **Russel Metals Inc.**

Acted for Russel Metals Inc. in the establishment of a \$600 million credit facility.

### **AFC Toronto**

Acted for AFC Toronto, Toronto's first professional women's soccer club, in its brand launch of the Northern Super League, a new Canadian women's pro soccer league that will kick off a 25-game season in April 2025 with franchises in Ottawa, Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto, Halifax and Calgary. By providing expertise and time pro bono, Davies laid a strong foundation for the club and took the lead in negotiating and documenting the deal to form the league. This work is one of several pro bono mandates that we have taken on relating to women in sports.

### **Golden Venture Partners**

Acted for Golden Ventures in connection with the formation of its fifth fund, Golden Ventures V, a leading seed-stage venture capital fund investing across North America.

## RECOGNITIONS

International Tax Review's *World Tax: The Comprehensive Guide to the World's Leading Tax Firms*—General Corporate Tax, Transfer Pricing (Highly Regarded)

*Lexpert Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40*

*The Best Lawyers in Canada*—Tax Law

## INSIGHTS

Federal Budget 2024: How It Impacts You and Your Business

Apr. 16, 2024

Canadian Tax Foundation, 75th Annual Tax Conference, "Private Equity Structuring"; Montréal, QC

Nov. 27, 2023

2021 Federal Budget: Tax Highlights

Apr. 20, 2021

Canadian Government's Proposed Extension of Time Limits Due to COVID-19

May 27, 2020

Tax Issues for Distressed Corporations

Apr. 08, 2020

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Back to the Basics, co-author

Apr. 01, 2020

Canadian Tax and Other Measures Implemented in Response to COVID-19  
Pandemic

Mar. 27, 2020

2019 Federal Budget: Tax Highlights

Mar. 19, 2019

2017 Federal Budget: Tax Highlights

Mar. 22, 2017

Canadian and U.S. Tax Laws: A Review of 2016 and a Look Ahead to 2017

Jan. 13, 2017

## **EDUCATION**

Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, In-Depth Tax Course

Queen's University, JD, 2011

McMaster University, BSc (Medical & Health Physics), 2007

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Canadian Tax Foundation