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Expertise

Corporate
Financial Restructuring and
Insolvency

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1999

Newfoundland and Labrador, 1998

“Natasha has not just been granted the mantle of leadership, she has earned it through hard work, perseverance and intelligence, as well as a relentless commitment to legal excellence.

Natasha is very, very good at what she does.”

Client – *Chambers Canada 2022*

Natasha provides clients with smart solutions for their high-end insolvency and restructuring challenges. She advises on a broad variety of debt restructuring, bankruptcy and insolvency, corporate debtor/creditor rights enforcement, turnarounds, work-outs, and plans of arrangement under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*.

Natasha has advised on many significant and groundbreaking restructurings and insolvencies. Noted for her ability to take “real leadership, even beyond the legal affairs,” Natasha also earns praise for big-picture understanding of her clients' needs: “She coordinated multiple complex situations that evolved, and managed a wide variety of sensitive shareholders extremely well” (*Chambers Canada 2022*).

Clients frequently consult Natasha for strategic advice and risk analysis on deal structuring and lending. She regularly acts for a number of North America's best-known private equity firms in their acquisition of distressed entities and participation in distressed sales and investor solicitation processes.

Natasha is a long-standing board member of the Insolvency Institute of Canada.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

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*.

Insolvency Institute of Canada

Acting for the Insolvency Institute of Canada as an intervenor before the Supreme Court of Canada in *Aquino v. Ernst & Young Inc.* and *Scott v. Doyle Salewski Inc.*,

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two cases raising important questions about corporate attribution and set-off in the insolvency context.

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*.

Kenco Group

Acted as Canadian counsel to Kenco Group, a top-ranked third-party logistics (3PL) company, in connection with its acquisition by private equity firm Pritzker Private Capital.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.

Acting as Canadian counsel for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. in defence of an adversary proceeding under Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code relating to the historic February 2021 winter storm in Texas and the resulting extraordinary demands on the state's power grid.

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.

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—Restructuring/Insolvency

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

Turnaround Management Association—Women of Excellence Award, Today's Leader (2019)

IFLR1000: Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Restructuring and Insolvency (Highly Regarded)

IFLR1000: Women Leaders—Restructuring and Insolvency

The Legal 500 Canada—Restructuring and Insolvency (Leading Individual)

The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada—Insolvency and Financial Restructuring

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Insolvency and Financial Restructuring:

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Financial Restructuring (Most Frequently Recommended); Corporate Commercial Law

Expert Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law

Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Restructuring & Insolvency Lawyers

Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders Restructuring and Insolvency; Who's Who Legal: Restructuring and Insolvency; Who's Who Legal: Canada—Restructuring and Insolvency

Expert Guides' *Women in Business Law*; Expert Guides—Restructuring and Insolvency

INSIGHTS

Panelist, IWIRC Western Canada and IWIRC Ontario, "Cross Canada Caselaw Update"; In person and online
May 22, 2024

2023 Business Insolvencies in Canada
Mar. 05, 2024

Panelist, Toronto Advocates' Society ("TAS") Insolvency Litigation Practice Group, "Leap Into Insolvency – When Practice Groups Collide"; Webcast
Feb. 29, 2024

In Case You Missed It: Decisions on Our Radar, co-author
Feb. 06, 2024

International Insolvency Institute, "Insolvency Tools in Financial Fraud: Recovering and Monetizing Digital Assets"; New York
Jan. 17, 2024

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

Interview, *Law360 Canada*, "Bankruptcies, AI's use in insolvency process on the rise, says Davies report"; Web Publication
Nov. 06, 2023

Panelist, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), On the Vine Conference - Santa Barbara Wine Region Edition, "Executory Contracts in Bk: How Can We Get Through This Together (or Not)"; Santa Barbara, CA
Nov. 04, 2023

Business Insolvency on the Rise in Canada: Understanding the Role of AI
Oct. 12, 2023

Panelist, Insolvency Institute of Canada, Future Leaders Conference; Toronto, ON
Oct. 10, 2023

EDUCATION

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Dalhousie University, LLB, 1997

Memorial University of Newfoundland, BA (Political Science & Commerce), 1994

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bankruptcy Institute
Insolvency Institute of Canada
International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL International)
International Insolvency Association
International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation
Ontario Bar Association
Turnaround Management Association

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

ARIL Society Inc.
Insolvency Institute of Canada

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Annual Review of Insolvency Law (ARIL) Society, 12th Conference, Organizing Committee; Governance and Nominating Committee, chair
Insolvency Institute of Canada, Intervention Committee; Ontario Regional Networking & Professional Development Committee; 2021 and 2020 IIC Annual Conference & General Meeting, chair; Ontario Regional Membership Committee, former member
Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Oral Board of Examination, panel member
Ontario Bar Association, Insolvency Section Programs Committee, chair
Practical Law Canada, Insolvency & Restructuring Advisory Board
World Bank Group, Insolvency and Creditor/Debtor Regimes Task Force

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

Natasha is a guest lecturer at Osgoode Hall Law School, the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University. She is an instructor for the Advanced Business Law Workshop at Osgoode Hall Law School.