

# DAVIES



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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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*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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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.