



## Sabina Han

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### Expertise

Tax

### Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2004

With over 15 years of experience, Sabina provides efficient, targeted solutions to clients' indirect tax issues and disputes.

Sabina advises clients on all aspects of Canadian commodity tax matters, including GST/HST, provincial sales taxes, excise taxes and insurance premiums taxes, as well as customs and trade law. Her work includes planning, advising on domestic and cross-border transactions and dispute resolution at the administrative level. Clients call on Sabina for her expertise in commodity tax issues and opportunities that arise in various industries, including real property, charities and non-profits, manufacturing, retail, healthcare, technology, infrastructure and energy.

As a fluent Korean speaker, Sabina helps clients access key resources to meet their broader Canadian legal needs, including file and relationship management on a wide range of matters, such as foreign real estate investment, regulatory requirements, contractual disputes, civil litigation, labour and employment and bankruptcy and insolvency matters.

Sabina is the current overseas president of the International Association of Korean Lawyers. In addition, she is a frequent speaker and writer on Canadian tax topics, including previously contributing to the World Bank's *Doing Business* report.

Before joining Davies, Sabina worked in-house for a global financial services provider and in private practice.

## REPRESENTATIVE WORK

### Wolseley Canada Inc.

Acted for Wolseley Canada Inc., the leading wholesale distributor to plumbing, HVAC/R, waterworks and industrial markets in Canada, in its acquisition of Yorkwest Plumbing Supply Inc., a distributor of building and industrial products in the greater Toronto area.

### Vance Street Capital LLC

Acted for Vance Street Capital, a Los Angeles private equity fund, in the sale of Terra Insights, a Vancouver-based geotechnical, structural and geospatial monitoring company, to Orica for cash consideration of C\$505 million.

### Mondi plc

Acted for Mondi plc, a global leader in the production of sustainable packaging and paper, in its acquisition of the Hinton Pulp mill from West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (West Fraser) and its long-term partnership with West Fraser to access local, high-quality fibre from well-established wood basket, as well as with Mondi plc's plans to invest €400 million in the expansion of Hinton.

### Grup Mediapro S.L.U.

Acted for Grup Mediapro S.L.U. in a litigation settlement with CSB, LP, culminating in a transaction pursuant to which Mediapro sold its Canadian

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business, consisting of the OneSoccer Channel, to CSB.

### 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.

### TPG

Acted as counsel to TPG in its acquisition (and related financings) from Oxford Property Group of a 75% interest in two Class-A industrial business parks in the Greater Toronto Area valued at C\$1.3-billion.

### HID Global Corporation

Acted for HID Global, a subsidiary of Swedish conglomerate Assa Abloy, in its acquisition of Vancouver-based Guard RFID Solutions, a manufacturer of real-time location systems used in healthcare environments.

### EcoPro BM

Acting for Korea-based EcoPro BM in its C\$1.2-billion joint venture with Ford and SK On to build a cathode manufacturing facility to produce electric vehicle (EVs) battery materials in Bécancour, Quebec.

### IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.

Acted for IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., a leader in the design, development and marketing of diagnostic test instruments to monitor animal health and analyze dairy products and water, in its acquisition of the assets of Pathogen Detection Systems, Inc.

### Birch Hill Equity Partners

Acted for Birch Hill Equity Partners in its joint acquisition (and related financing) with Investissement Québec of Québec-based Polycor Inc., the largest quarrier of natural stone in the world.

## INSIGHTS

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

New GST Rebate for Purpose-Built Rental Property  
Sept. 26, 2023

Highlights of Canada's Latest Legislative Tax Proposals  
Aug. 23, 2022

Co-chair, International Bar Association Annual Conference, "Global Trends – Digital Economy Roundtable"; Seoul, South Korea; Sept. 22-27, 2019  
Sept. 25, 2019

Author and presenter, Commodity Tax Symposium, "Places of Supply"; Ottawa, ON  
Oct. 15, 2018

## EDUCATION

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Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB, 2003

University of Toronto BA (Hons) (Economics and International Relations), 2000

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

International Association of Korean Lawyers (Overseas), president and director

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

International Association of Korean Lawyers, overseas president

World Bank, *Doing Business*, Tax – Canada, former contributor