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Expertise

Employment, Labour and Executive Compensation

Bar Admissions

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Domestic and international clients rely on Shari to advise on a wide range of employment and labour matters, including all aspects of commercial transactions such as mergers and acquisitions.

Shari uses her expertise in human resource planning to help clients mitigate employment-related legal risks and develop best practices and policies for their workplaces. Shari regularly negotiates contractual arrangements for employers, including employment and consulting agreements, incentive compensation, confidentiality and restrictive covenant terms as well as termination arrangements for departing employees.

Shari represents clients in a variety of judicial and administrative proceedings, including human rights disputes, wrongful dismissal litigation and grievance arbitrations.

Prior to her career in law, Shari spent over a decade in the media industry as a film and television producer.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Hellman & Friedman

Acting as Canadian counsel to Hellman & Friedman-backed AutoScout24, a European online automotive marketplace, in its acquisition of TRADER Corporation, a Canadian online marketplace also offering dealership and OEM software and lender services for the automotive sector, from Thoma Bravo.

Blue Wolf Capital Partners LLC

Acted for Blue Wolf Capital Partners LLC in its sale of a majority stake in The State Group, a diversified, multi-trade contractor providing construction, electrical, mechanical, maintenance and civil construction services.

Advance Auto Parts, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to Advance Auto Parts, Inc. in its US\$1.5-billion sale of Worldpac, Inc., a wholesale distributor of quality aftermarket replacement automotive parts, to The Carlyle Group Inc..

Atlas Holdings, LLC

Acted for Atlas Holdings in its US\$120-million acquisition of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.'s Quesnel River pulp mill in British Columbia and Slave Lake pulp mill in Alberta.

Direct Travel, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to Direct Travel, Inc., in its sale to a group of investors, including Durable Capital Partners, Madrona Ventures, Top Tier Capital Partners, and Blackstone Credit & Insurance, led by Steve Singh.

Define Capital Inc.

Acted for Define Capital Inc. in its C\$20-million fundraising and subsequent

DAVIES

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acquisition of two Ontario-based software companies.

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.

Plusgrade Inc.

Acted for Plusgrade in connection with General Atlantic's strategic investment in the ancillary revenue powerhouse. The investment represents a monumental transaction for the global travel tech sector.

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.

RLH Equity Partners

Acted as Canadian counsel to RLH Equity Partners, in its acquisition of Red Clay Consulting, an Atlanta based business focused on providing software platforms using Oracle Utilities applications.

RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch—Labour and Employment Law

INSIGHTS

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

EDUCATION

Osgoode Hall Law School, JD, 2015
Ryerson University, BJourn
University of Toronto, BA