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## Bar Admission

Ontario 1978

## Law School

Osgoode Hall Law School

## MT Divisions & Client Solutions

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## Practices

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Matters  
Securities Litigation  
Corporate Governance  
Securities Regulation and Investment  
Products  
Capital Markets

## Industries

Banking & Financial Services  
Securities Regulation & Investment  
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Technology

René Sorell is Counsel in MT>Align, a wholly owned division of the firm.

Previously, René was a partner in our Business Law Group in Toronto.

René practises almost exclusively in the area of securities law. He has had responsibility for projects in all aspects of securities law, including securities offerings, contested take-over bids, proxy battles and shareholder disputes, public company mergers and reorganizations, the formation of equity and fixed income marketplaces and the representation of clients in regulatory proceedings before securities regulators.

René has acted as counsel to special committees of public company boards of directors. He regularly provides advice to investment dealers and other securities businesses on trading rules, trading systems, compliance and discipline matters and new products. René has frequently presented cases before the Ontario Securities Commission on matters involving both securities and commodity futures legislation. He is a member of the senior securities law advisory committee to the Ontario Securities Commission. He acted as chair of the Policy Advisory Committee of the Ontario Securities Commission and participated in the industry committee of the Commission's Fair Dealing project.

René has been an invited speaker at numerous professional conferences on various aspects of securities law across Canada. He has taught securities regulation as an adjunct professor or special lecturer at Osgoode Hall Law School, the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, University of Windsor Faculty of Law and Dalhousie Law School and has been an invited speaker at other law schools at both the LLB and LLM levels. He is a co-author of *Private Placements in Canada* and is a co-editor of *CCH Annotated Securities Law* and a member of the editorial advisory board for *CCH Corporate Governance Report*. He is also a co-author of CCH's *Canadian Securities Regulatory Requirements Applicable to Non-Resident Broker-Dealers, Advisers and Investment Fund Managers*, a handbook of Canadian securities regulatory requirements for non-resident securities firms published in 2012. He is a Senior Fellow at Massey College in the University of Toronto.

He received his BA from McGill University, his MA from the University of Toronto and his LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School. Between 1979 and

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1980, he served as assistant to the chair of the Ontario Securities Commission.

## Awards & Rankings

### The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Corporate Finance & Securities; Corporate Mid-Market

### Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading Lawyer in the areas of Corporate Law and Securities Law

### Lexpert Special Edition: Technology & Health Sciences

Leading Lawyer

### Legal Media Group's Expert Guide

Leading Lawyer: Capital Markets and Mergers & Acquisitions

## Recent Experience

- **JV between Dream Industrial REIT and GIC acquires Summit Industrial Income REIT for C\$5.9B**  
February 17, 2023
- **Coinsquare is the first Canadian crypto-only platform to become IIROC member and fully regulated investment dealer and marketplace**  
October 12, 2022

## Recent Insights

- **Class action fiduciary duty claim may exist against securities registrant**  
February 16, 2024

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- **CSA announces Interim Conditions for the Trading of Stablecoins (VRCAs)**

October 12, 2023

- **Focus on Crypto Asset Trading Platforms and Boutique Registered Firms in OSC Registrant Report for 2022-23**

September 14, 2023

- **What Does SEC v. Ripple Labs Mean for Canadian Crypto Regulation?**

July 24, 2023