



# Sonia J. Struthers

## Partner

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## Bar Admission

Ontario 1994

Québec 1988

## Law School

McGill University

## Practices

Capital Markets

Public Companies

Securities Regulation and Investment  
Products

Mergers & Acquisitions

## Industries

Derivatives

Securities Regulation & Investment  
Products

Private Equity & Investments

Insurance & Reinsurance

Pension Funds Group

## Strategic Issues

ESG and Sustainability

**With her unrivalled experience and record of success, Sonia is sought after by clients to advise on their most complex and high-profile projects and transactions.**

Recognized for her industry knowledge and client-centric approach, her practice focuses on capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, securities and financial services regulation and investment products. As a senior partner in the Business Law Group in Montréal and co-lead of the firm's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Sustainability Strategic Issues Group, Sonia delivers her team's expertise including market-leading ESG expertise to each project and transaction.

Sonia regularly counsels public companies, financial institutions and intermediaries in the areas of corporate finance, reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, governance and compliance. She also provides insightful and practical advice to dealers and advisors in financial services and fund managers as well as clearing houses and other regulated entities in the areas of securities, derivatives (both exchange traded and OTC) and insurance regulation and investment products with an emphasis on financial products such as collective investment vehicles, investment funds (domestic and off-shore), structured debt offerings and trading and clearing services.

An active contributor to the community, Sonia is a member of the derivatives consultative committee of the Québec Autorité des marchés financiers and leads courses on mergers and acquisitions, securities and derivatives law at the Faculties of Law of McGill University, Université Laval and University of Ottawa. Sonia also served as chair of McCarthy Tétrault's national Annual Disclosure & Governance Seminar for public companies for over 10 years. Additionally, she is a director and the chair of the human resource committee of The Prosperity Project, a registered charity aiming to propel Canadian women's economic progress.

Sonia obtained her BA (philosophy) from Vassar College and her BCL and LLB degrees from McGill University. In 2023, she obtained a Certificate in Climate Change Policy & Practice from the University of Toronto. Sonia was called to the Québec bar in 1988 and the Ontario bar in 1994.

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## Awards & Rankings

### Chambers Canada

Leading Lawyer: Investment Funds

### The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Corporate Commercial Law; Investment Funds & Asset Management - Investment Funds; Corporate Mid-Market

### The Legal 500 - Canada

Recommended: Insurance

### Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

Leading Lawyer

### Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading lawyer in the area of securities law

### Acritas Stars

"Stand-out lawyer"

### Martindale-Hubbell Directory

Leading lawyer

## Recent Experience

- **Desjardins General Insurance Group Inc. enters a definitive agreement to indirectly acquire ICPEI Holdings Inc.**

March 27, 2024

- **Garda World Security closes the private offering of US\$400M senior secured notes**

January 30, 2023

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- **Power Sustainable Lios launches Lios Fund I LP**

June 10, 2022

- **Cogeco Communications finalizes private offering of C\$500M 2.991% senior secured notes**

September 20, 2021

## Recent Insights

- **CSA Releases Updated Guidance on ESG-Related Investment Fund Disclosure**

April 25, 2024

- **Canadian Securities Litigation: Trends to Watch 2024**

April 25, 2024

- **OSFI Updates Guideline for Federal Financial Institutions on Climate Risk Management and Disclosure**

April 8, 2024

- **Greenwashers Beware: Federal Court of Australia finds civil liability in investment fund greenwashing case**

April 2, 2024

## Events

- **Navigating the ESG & Sustainability Landscape Series**

September 20, 2023

- **Retention and Promotion of Women in the Legal Profession - Continuation**

October 13, 2021