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Bar Admission

Québec 1980

Law School

Université Laval

MT Divisions & Client Solutions

MT Align

Practices

Transportation and Logistics
Mergers & Acquisitions

Industries

Infrastructure
Technology

Clients trust David to keep their transportation infrastructure projects moving forward

Widely regarded as Canada's foremost authority on rail and road transportation law, David uses his unsurpassed knowledge of the federal, provincial, municipal and other governmental regulations impacting the sector, to enable large public companies and small-medium sized firms alike to successfully address their most pressing transportation business needs.

In-depth knowledge of the Canadian regulatory landscape

David is passionate about finding strategic and creative solutions to clients' transportation regulatory issues. Leading Canadian, U.S. and European companies in the rail, trucking, bus and mining industries routinely consult with him, relying on his 30 years of wide-ranging and in-depth experience to address general regulatory issues in all surface modes in all jurisdictions, as well as safety compliance and liability matters. Ranked "Band 1" by Chambers Canada in Transportation road and rail, David frequently guides clients through the maze of regulations throughout North America on complex issues such as the construction and upgrading of roads, as well as subway and rail lines, transportation contracts, and all matters relating to public passenger and freight transportation by road or rail. His practice also includes in-depth experience around private M&A and retail sector transactions.

David regularly appears before administrative tribunals, agencies and the courts in regulatory, safety compliance and liability matters. His practice includes private M&A, retail sector and supply chain transactions.

Community minded and connected

Admired as much for his accomplishments outside of the office as he is for his legal prowess, David is an active member of Québec City's Anglophone community, serving as a director and administrator of numerous socio-cultural organizations. In 2013, his work and dedication in promoting and preserving the culture and history of Québec City earned him an appointment to the Order of Canada, the highest honour that can be bestowed on a business and community leader.

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A member and former president of the Canadian Transport Lawyers Association and a former executive committee member of the Transportation Lawyers Association of the United States, David is also an active member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and the Canadian Bar Association, and is Honorary British Consul for Québec. He received his LLB from Université Laval in 1979 and was admitted to the Québec Bar in 1980.

Awards & Rankings

Barreau du Québec - 2019

Advocatus Emeritus (Ad. E.)

Chambers Canada

Band 1: Transportation Rail & Road - Nationwide Canada

The Legal 500 – Canada

Leading lawyer – Transportation

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Transportation (Road and Rail); Corporate Mid-Market;
Corporate Commercial Law

Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure

Leading Lawyer

The Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading Lawyer: Transportation Law

The Best Lawyers in Canada - 2024 and 2019

Lawyer of the Year: Transportation Law

Recent Experience

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- **First Student Inc. acquires school bus operator Autobus Laval Ltée**

March 1, 2023

- **First Student Inc. acquires school bus operator Dufresne Group**

February 11, 2023

- **First Student acquires assets of Badder Bus**

October 14, 2022

- **First Student Inc. purchases all assets of Barr Bus Lines Limited**

August 5, 2022

Recent Insights

- **Canadian Transportation Agency's 2021 Rail Interswitching Rates Changes and New 2022 Rail Interswitching Rates (Wonkish)**

December 31, 2022

- **Key Takeaways: Public and Private Perspectives on Mending the Supply Chain**

December 6, 2021

Events

- **Breaks in the Chain: A Symposium on Supply Chain Disruption, Regulation and Ways Forward**

November 30, 2021