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Bar Admission

Ontario 1993

Law School

Osgoode Hall Law School

Practices

Mergers & Acquisitions
Corporate Governance
Capital Markets

Industries

Private Equity & Investments
Banking & Financial Services
Pension Funds Group

Strategic Issues

ESG and Sustainability
Critical Situations & Shareholder
Activism

Bob is a creative and solutions-oriented securities and public M&A lawyer

Robert (Bob) Richardson is a partner in our mergers and acquisitions (M&A), capital markets and financial services groups in Toronto. In addition, he is a leader of our firm-wide multidisciplinary Critical Situations & Activism team and our firm-wide multidisciplinary ESG & Sustainability team.

A seasoned securities lawyer and former senior banking and investment banking executive, Bob leverages his knowledge, experience, creativity and judgment to identify and implement legal solutions to business challenges, achieving clients' business objectives in a way that appropriately balances risks and rewards.

Mr. Richardson's practice is focused on M&A transactions, corporate governance and crisis remediation. He acts for public companies, private equity sponsors, special committees, financing providers and financial advisors in connection with a broad range of matters, including contested and distressed transactions. During his 30-year legal career, Bob has worked closely on many prominent and complex transactions, including:

- Canada's largest successful unsolicited and contested take-over bid, Brookfield Infrastructure's \$8.6 billion acquisition of Inter Pipeline Ltd.,
- Canada's largest insolvency restructuring, the restructuring of Canada's \$32 billion non-bank asset-backed commercial paper (ABCP) market,
- Canada's largest equity offering and first use of the integrated cornerstone investor deal structure, CIBC's \$3 billion offering at the onset of the Global Financial Crisis,
- Constellation Brands' \$5.1 billion strategic "PIPE" equity investment in, and joint venture with, Canopy Growth Corporation,
- CIBC's \$6.8 billion cross-border share exchange acquisition of Chicago-based PrivateBancorp, Inc., a Nasdaq-listed commercial and retail bank, and
- Maple Group's (a consortium of 13 of Canada's largest financial institutions and pension funds) \$3.8 billion contested acquisition of TMX Group (the owner of Canada's largest stock exchange), Canadian Depository for Securities and Alpha ATS, an alternative trading system and exchange.

Prior to rejoining McCarthy Tétrault in 2018, Bob was the Senior Vice President and General Counsel (Canada) at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and a Managing Director at CIBC World Markets Inc., CIBC's principal investment banking subsidiary. While at CIBC, he led a talented team of more than a hundred professionals located in Canada, Europe, the Caribbean, the United States and the Asia-Pacific Region, while directing the legal aspects of almost all of CIBC's strategic transactions globally and advising CIBC World Markets in connection with countless IPOs, bought deals and M&A advisory engagements. Mr. Richardson also spent a year as special counsel at the Ontario

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Securities Commission, while on loan from McCarthys, where he worked on contested M&A transactions and policy reformulation.

While completing his undergraduate studies, Bob completed the Canadian Army's RESO Armour Officer training program. Following almost 13 years of service, Bob retired as a Captain. He is a proud recipient of the Canadian Forces decoration (CD) and the Canadian 125th Anniversary Medal.

Bob is a graduate of Trent University (BA), Osgoode Hall Law School (LLB and LL.M) and the Canadian Army's RESO program is an adjunct professor of at Western University's Faculty of Law, where he teaches Corporate Finance and Crisis Management at the JD level, and has been an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, where he has taught Corporate Finance and M&A Transactions at the LL.M level.

Bob is a member of the Veterans' Mental Health Advisory Committee at the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine and has served on the Canada Committee of RefuSHE, a Chicago-based NGO providing sanctuary, schooling, vocational training and outplacement to young women and children in Africa.

Awards & Rankings

The Legal 500 – Canada

Recommended: Corporate and M&A

Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Mergers & Acquisitions

Lexpert

Top 500 Lawyers in Canada

Lexpert - 2004

Top 40 under 40

Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

Leading Lawyer

Canadian General Counsel Awards - 2009

Finalist, Deal Making

Recent Experience

- **Brookfield Asset Management acquires HomeServe for £4.08B**
January 4, 2023
- **Lithium Americas Corp. announces intent to separate into two independent lithium companies**

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November 3, 2022

- **FAX Capital Corp. enters into definitive agreement for going-private transaction**
July 4, 2022
- **PowerBand Solutions Inc. closes first tranche of private placement for gross proceeds of C\$18M**
June 22, 2022

Recent Insights

- **Is recent SEC disclosure-controls settlement a blueprint for ESG enforcement?**
May 24, 2023
- **CSA Proposes to Expand Scope of Required Diversity Disclosures**
April 26, 2023
- **ESG Shareholder Activism: Here to Stay?**
April 17, 2023
- **Canadian Securities Litigation: Trends to Watch 2023**
April 5, 2023

Events

- **Strategic insights of C-suite leaders on Operationalizing ESG – Roadmap for Success**
November 25, 2021
- **11th Annual National Retail and Consumer Markets Summit**
February 25, 2021
- **Distressed M&A in Canada - Key Issues and Opportunities**
June 24, 2020