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Bar Admission

Québec 1989

Law School

Université de Montréal

Practices

Bankruptcy & Restructuring

Philippe's creativity and ability to advise clients as to risk management in the context of insolvency make him an invaluable resource

A Partner in our Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group since 1996, Philippe is a nationally respected, precedent-setting lawyer in insolvency and bankruptcy law.

Unparalleled efficiency and genuine accessibility

Philippe is valued by clients not only as a strong jurist, but as a trusted business advisor and a very efficient dealmaker in complex restructurings. Special loans bank officers, chief legal counsel at banks and investment fund executives appreciate his strong interpersonal communications and the team members who surround him.

Renowned for his legal acumen in corporate insolvency matters and in commercial litigation, Philippe has been listed in numerous directories and rankings. He was recently recommended by *Chambers Global* as a top counsel in insolvency/bankruptcy law and is cited by *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as one of the most frequently recommended practitioners in insolvency litigation and financial restructuring. In 2017, Philippe was awarded the title *Advocatus Emeritus* by the Québec bar in recognition of his professional excellence and outstanding contribution to the profession.

Philippe frequently works for secured lenders in significant insolvency cases, both formal and informal, organizing unique approaches in restructuring Québec markets with secured lenders and borrowers. He has namely been called upon to act on behalf of:

- Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ) in acquiring 30% of Bombardier Transportation Holdco for US\$1.5B;
- National Bank of Canada in the matter of the CCAA restructuring of the Canadian ABCP market;
- BioSyntech's directors and officers in the dismissal of a shareholder class action;
- Champion Iron Ore Inc. and Champion Iron Mines Limited in purchasing the Bloom Lake Mine from Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.;
- National Bank of Canada in the restructuring and sale of Écolait Ltée
- RCGT, court-appointed monitor to the CCAA restructuring of "Groupe La Vue"

Philippe emerged as a thought leader early in his career, influenced in part by his time at the Supreme Court of Canada as a clerk to Chief

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Justice Antonio Lamer. He was retained to advise the Canadian government regarding the reform of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* and the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*. In 2006, *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* recognized him as one of the "Top 100 Most Creative Lawyers."

An active scholar and legal educator, Philippe has been a lecturer at the Faculty of Law at Université de Montréal for 25 years, is a renowned speaker to both practitioners and judges, is the co-author of two books on bankruptcy and restructuring and the author of numerous articles published in various law journals. In 2016 he was elected as President of the prestigious Insolvency Institute of Canada which comprises Canada's premier insolvency practitioners. Since 2017 he has been a member of the Canadian delegation to the Insolvency Working Group of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law ("UNCITRAL").

He obtained his law degree at the Faculté de droit de l'Université de Montréal in 1989 and his master's degree in philosophy of law (BCL) from Oxford University in 1991.

Awards & Rankings

Chambers Global

Leading lawyer: Restructuring/Insolvency – Canada

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The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading lawyer in insolvency and financial restructuring law, corporate and commercial litigation and insolvency litigation

The Legal 500 - Canada

Leading lawyer: Restructuring and insolvency

Benchmark Litigation - Canada

Litigation Star: Insolvency

Who's Who Legal – Canada

Leading lawyer in corporate and commercial litigation, in director and officer liability and in insolvency and financial restructuring

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The Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading lawyer in the areas of bet-the-company litigation, corporate and commercial litigation, director and officer liability and, insolvency and financial restructuring law

Lexpert/ALM's 2015 Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada - Leading lawyer in insolvency and financial restructuring

Lexpert™ - 2006

Canadian Top 100 Most Creative Lawyers

Lexpert™ - 2006

Canada's "Top 40 under 40"

Lexpert™ - 2005

Canadian Top 100 Cross-Border Litigators

Recent Experience

- **Richter Advisory Group Inc. acts as monitor in Taxelco's insolvency proceedings**
May 31, 2019
- **The Supreme Court of Canada rules in favour of lenders in Callidus**
November 08, 2018
- **CDPQ becomes Alstom's largest shareholder following the announcement to acquire Bombardier Transportation**