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#### **Bar Admission**

Québec 2014

#### Law School

Université de Montréal

#### Practices

Bankruptcy & Restructuring Litigation and Dispute Resolution Corporate Commercial Litigation

# Thanks to his practical and creative approach, as well as his strong business acumen, Gabriel is able to help clients navigate the complexities of insolvency.

Gabriel Faure is a partner in our Bankruptcy and Restructuring and Litigation Groups at our Montreal office. His deep understanding of the various aspects of insolvency and his extensive experience in advising debtors, creditors, strategic and financial acquirers of distressed assets, financial institutions and other lenders, monitors, receivers and trustees, enable him to provide timely and sound advice at every stage of an insolvency matter.

As a skilled and thorough jurist, Gabriel has pleaded before the Supreme Court of Canada, the Québec Court of Appeal, all Québec trial courts and the Financial Markets Administrative Tribunal.

Gabriel has been involved in significant insolvency matters, including the following:

- Portage Capital in CCAA proceedings for certain real estate projects related to Groupe Huot;
- SNDL, in connection with the acquisition of Zenabis, a producer and wholesaler of cannabis products, during its CCAA proceedings;
- EY as monitor, in connection with the CCAA proceedings of Aldo, a retailer of shoes and accessories;
- Groupe Dynamite, a women's fashion retailer, in its cross-border restructuring under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA);
- Nemaska Lithium, in its proceedings under the Canada Business Corporations Act and the CCAA;
- Albioma in its acquisition of La Granaudière pursuant to receivership proceedings;

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- Sayona Québec, in its acquisition of North American Lithium pursuant to proceedings under the CCAA;
- Raymond Chabot, as monitor with expanded powers in the CCAA proceedings of Aquadis, a faucet products distributor;
- Coalision (Lolë), in its cross-border restructuring proceedings under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act;
- Raymond Chabot, as monitor with expanded powers in the CCAA proceedings of La Vue, a group of optometry clinics;
- Alaris Royalty Corp., as secured creditor and applicant in the CCAA proceedings of SM Group, an engineering firm with 700 employees in Québec;
- Richter, as monitor in the CCAA restructuring of Taxelco, which operated
  Téo Taxi and other taxi companies in Montreal;
- Representatives appointed by the Court for 150 unpaid contractors of Groupe Hexagone, a group of construction companies in Québec;
- PwC, as receiver and monitor in the context of the receivership and CCAA restructuring proceedings of Groupe Capitales Médias, a media group with six newspapers in Québec and Ontario;
- Richter, as monitor in the CCAA proceedings of the retailer Beyond the Rack:
- KPMG, as monitor in the CCAA proceedings of Laura's Shoppe, a women's clothing retailer.

Gabriel has authored and co-authored several peer-reviewed articles, mostly on insolvency-related topics:

- "The intersection between the receivership under the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (Québec) and insolvency proceedings at the time of distribution in cases of fraud, fraudulent tactics or misappropriation of funds: the PlexCoin case" (2021) 19 Ann Rev Insolv L
- "Reverse Vesting Transactions: An Innovative Solution to Restructure Insolvent Cannabis Companies" (2021) 10 JIIC 219

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- "Les modifications à la Loi sur la faillite et l'insolvabilité et la Loi sur les arrangements avec les créanciers des compagnies sur les contrats relatifs à l'utilisation d'un droit de propriété intellectuelle : tentative de rapiéçage du législateur?" (The Amendments to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act Relating to Agreements for Granting the Use of Intellectual Property Rights: Legislative Patchwork?) (2020) 32-1 CPI 37
- "Creditor Activism in CCAA Proceedings: Beyond the Vote" (2019) 17 Ann
  Rev Insolv L 761
- "Preplan Sales under Section 65.13 BIA and Section 36 CCAA" (2017) 59
  Can Bus LJ 332
- "The Reasonable Expectations of Creditors under the Oppression Remedy: Preserving Coherence" (2016) 57 Can Bus LJ 314
- "La responsabilité civile des administrateurs en matière fiscale : une étude empirique" ("The Liability of Directors for Source Deductions: A Study of the Due Diligence Defence in Tax Matters") (2015) 45 Ottawa LR 441
- "La convocation de témoins extraprovinciaux : vers une meilleure harmonisation avec le reste du Canada?" ("Summoning Extraprovincial Witnesses: Towards Harmonization with the Rest of Canada?") (2015) 74 R du B 73

Gabriel has also given a course on bankruptcy and insolvency law at the Université du Québec à Montréal.

Gabriel is a member of the Executive Committee of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association, Quebec Division, and a member of the Turnaround Management Association. He volunteers as the chairman of the board of directors of the music creation and production company Projections libérantes and he is Gouverneur de la relève of the Fondation du Barreau du Québec.

Gabriel was called to the Québec bar in 2014. He holds a Master's degree in business law (LLM), a Juris Doctor in North American Common Law (JD) and a Bachelor's degree in civil law (LLB), which he obtained at the Université de Montréal respectively in 2015, 2012 and 2010. His master's thesis on the oppression remedy was rated "excellent".

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- Restructuring of Xebec Adsorption Inc. and affiliates under the CCAA
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- Montreal retailer Aldo initiates CCAA proceedings with EY acting as monitor

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