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Bar Admission

Ontario 1990

Law School

University of Western Ontario

Practices

Capital Markets
Secured Lending & Project Finance

Industries

Banking & Financial Services
Private Equity & Investments
Structured Finance & Securitization
Pension Funds Group

US and International Markets

China
United States

MT Divisions & Client Solutions

Cash Preservation Solutions
(unpublished)

Richard Higa is a partner in the firm's Business Law Group in Toronto and is the Chair of the McCarthy Tétrault's Project Management Committee. His practice focuses on all aspects of structured, acquisition and cross-border financings, including debtor-in-possession financings, asset-based lending, bilateral and syndicated financings, Term B loans, second lien loans, private equity, mezzanine financings, note and bond financings, as well as securitization. Richard represents a number of large Canadian and foreign banks and other financial institutions.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- Acted for Maple Acquisition on the \$1.6 billion financing of its acquisition of TMX Inc. (which was rated by Lexpert as the "2012 Deal of the Year");
- Acted for Chrysler Canada on the \$2.3-billion government financing;
- Acted for Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Bank of Montreal, Toronto Dominion and National Bank on their \$3-billion term loan to Manulife Financial Corporation;
- Acted for Norbord Inc. on its placement of \$240 million of high yield notes;
- Acted for CIBC with respect to \$15 million asset based financing of a manufacturing company; and
- Acted for GE Capital on a \$1.1 billion asset based financing of Hudsons Bay Company.

Richard is a regular conference speaker, including: the Intensive Course in Commercial Loan Finance and Security, and the Commercial Loan Finance and Security Annual Conference.

Richard received his LLB from the University of Western Ontario in 1988.

Awards & Rankings

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The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Asset Equipment Finance/Leasing; Asset-Based Lending; Banking & Financial Institutions

The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada

Leading Lawyer: Banking & Financial Institutions

The Legal 500 – Canada

Leading Lawyer: Banking and Finance

Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading Lawyer in the areas of Banking & Finance Law, Equipment Finance Law, Structured Finance Law and Asset-Based Lending Practice

Best Lawyers in Canada - 2024 and 2020

Lawyer of the Year: Asset-Based Lending Law

Best Lawyers in Canada - 2017

Lawyer of the Year Award: Banking & Finance Law

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Recent Experience

- **National Bank reaffirms leadership in the Technology Banking space through acquisition of Silicon Valley Bank's Canadian portfolio**

August 28, 2023

- **Rogers Communications Inc. completes acquisition of Shaw Communications**

April 3, 2023

- **Battery Ventures invests in AscendantFX Capital Inc.**

January 19, 2023

- **RBC closes C\$65M asset-backed revolving credit facility with GreenFirst Forest Products and Lumber Assets Holdings**

August 28, 2021

Recent Insights

- **Doing Business in Canada: Updated edition now available**

November 9, 2023

