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Bar Admission

Ontario 1994

Law School

University of Western Ontario

Practices

Disputes

Appellate Litigation

Professional Liability

Industries

Pharmaceutical

Every day, Dave executes on his vision for the future of our firm – one where clients and the industries in which they operate are paramount

As CEO, Dave leads McCarthy Tétrault's mission to be Canada's premier provider of legal services to public and private enterprises in Canada and around the world. Dave helps the firm achieve this mission by supporting our partners and professionals across the country to deliver creative solutions and exceptional business advice so that clients can achieve their objectives. He drives the firm's strategy to offer true borderless client service through our commitment to meeting client needs now and in the future.

Bold steps and a commitment to doing things differently

As leader of one of the most storied firms in the country, and with more than 20 years of experience as a litigator, Dave is relentlessly focused on deepening client relationships and building the law firm of tomorrow. Under his leadership, the firm has realigned along the industry lines that matter to our clients, to better serve their needs. In January 2017, he announced McCarthy Tétrault's game-changing acquisition of MT>3 (formerly Wortzmans), the country's top e-Discovery and information governance law firm. This move brought MT>3's leading expertise in information governance, e-discovery and technology under one roof with the firm's integrated, national platform to ensure clients receive seamless and superior service. Additionally, in order to better serve the firm's clients with their cross-border objectives, Dave spearheaded the opening of our New York office in May 2017.

Visionary leadership founded on integrity and inclusiveness

Overseeing almost 600 lawyers and operations in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montréal, Québec City, New York and London (UK), Dave has made it a priority to incorporate the perspectives, experiences and insights of people across the firm to build a cohesive plan for the future of the business. He is a vocal advocate for diversity and inclusion. Dave is particularly passionate about removing the barriers which have historically prevented women from advancing in traditional law firms.

Dave received his LLB from the University of Western Ontario in 1992 and was called to the Ontario bar in 1994. Dave practised in our litigation group, representing a wide range of clients. In 2012 he was appointed National Practice Group Leader for litigation before assuming the role of CEO in 2016.

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Awards & Rankings

Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion - 2019

Senior Executive of the Year (Eastern Region)

Recent Insights

- **At McCarthy Tétrault, it's time for Inclusion Now**
March 05, 2020
- **United Way 2019 Local Leaders List**
November 11, 2019