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## Bar Admission

Ontario 2010

## Law School

University of Western Ontario

## Practices

Mergers & Acquisitions

Capital Markets

Public Companies

Deandra Schubert is a partner in our Business Law Group in Toronto. Deandra's practice focuses on public and private mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance (equity and debt), corporate governance and shareholder activism and general corporate matters.

## RECENT EXPERIENCE

- Jamieson Wellness in connection with its C\$300 million initial public offering and the C\$273 million secondary bought deal offering of its common shares by CCMP Capital Advisors, LP
- Fairfax Africa in connection with its initial public offering, its investment in AFGRI Proprietary Limited, certain other of its African investments and its US\$150 million term loan and approximately US\$155 million letter of credit,
- Stelco Holdings Inc. in its \$230 million initial public offering,
- Fairfax India in connection with its US\$400 million secured term loan,
- Fairmont Raffles Hotels International in connection with its sale to AccorHotels,
- GE Capital Canada in connection with its \$5.15 billion debt tender offer, the largest of its kind in Canadian history,
- Bouygues Energies & Services in connection with its acquisition of Plan Group,
- Direct Energy on the sale of its Ontario home services business,
- Torstar Corporation in connection with its sale of Harlequin Enterprises to a subsidiary of News Corp.,
- Partners REIT in connection with its defence of Orange Capital's proxy contest,
- Mattel on its acquisition of Mega Brands,
- Fairfax Financial Holdings in connection with its lead investment in a US\$1.25 billion convertible debt financing of BlackBerry, and
- Rio Tinto on certain transactions involving Turquoise Hill Resources (formerly Ivanhoe Mines) including in connection with a US\$2.4 billion rights offering by Turquoise Hill.

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In 2017, Deandra received the Lexpert Rising Stars Award, which recognizes leading lawyers in Canada under the age of 40. Deandra is also listed as a "Leading Lawyer to Watch" in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions in the current edition of the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory.

Deandra completed a nine-month secondment to Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited where she was involved in a number of mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance transactions, including the initial public offering of Fairfax India Holdings Corporation.

Deandra is an active contributor to the firm's M&A blog, Canadian Mergers and Acquisitions Perspectives. She was also the first Chair of the Young Professionals Committee, a standing committee of the Toronto Region Board of Trade, which exists to support the activities of the TRBOT Young Professionals Network, and is currently a member of the volunteer organizing committee for the Great Jewellery Heist charity event in support of Bridgepoint Active Healthcare.

Deandra received her B.Comm. from the University of Toronto, her JD (with Distinction) from the University of Western Ontario and her MBA from the Ivey School of Business, graduating from the combined JD/MBA program in 2009. She earned a place on the Dean's Honour List in each year of the combined program and received a number of awards for academic excellence. She was awarded the Gold Medal for the highest standing in the JD/MBA program.

Deandra was called to the Ontario bar in 2010. She is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Canadian Bar Association and the Ontario Bar Association.

## Awards & Rankings

### Lexpert Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40 - 2017

Rising Star

### The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer to Watch: Mergers & Acquisitions

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## Recent Experience

- **Farmers Edge successfully closes C\$125M initial public offering**  
March 03, 2021
- **Fairfax Africa Holdings Corporation closes strategic transaction with Helios Holdings Limited**  
December 08, 2020
- **Fairfax acquires 1.75% convertible debentures of BlackBerry Limited after redemption of existing convertible debentures**  
September 01, 2020
- **CCMP Capital Advisors enters into approx. US\$1B agreement to acquire BGIS**  
May 31, 2019

## Recent Insights

- **What's happening in shareholder activism in Canada?**  
May 07, 2020
- **A Dissident Note: Court Orders Disclosure of Members' Email Addresses in JAZZ.FM Proxy Contest**  
July 08, 2019
- **Managing Conflicts of Interest in Soliciting Dealer Arrangements**  
June 19, 2019

## Events

- **Doing Business in Canada's Silicon Valley**  
May 24, 2019