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Bar Admission

Ontario 1994 Québec 1988

Law School

McGill University

Practices

Capital Markets
Public Companies
Securities Regulation and Investment
Products
Mergers & Acquisitions

Industries

Derivatives
Securities Regulation & Investment
Products
Private Equity & Investments
Insurance & Reinsurance
Pension Funds Group

Strategic Issues

ESG and Sustainability

With her unrivalled experience and record of success, Sonia is sought after by clients to advise on their most complex and high-profile projects and transactions.

Recognized for her industry knowledge and client-centric approach, her practice focuses on capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, securities and financial services regulation and investment products. As a senior partner in the Business Law Group in Montréal and co-lead of the firm's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Sustainability Strategic Issues Group, Sonia delivers her team's expertise including market-leading ESG expertise to each project and transaction.

Sonia regularly counsels public companies, financial institutions and intermediaries in the areas of corporate finance, reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, governance and compliance. She also provides insightful and practical advice to dealers and advisors in financial services and fund managers as well as clearing houses and other regulated entities in the areas of securities, derivatives (both exchange traded and OTC) and insurance regulation and investment products with an emphasis on financial products such as collective investment vehicles, investment funds (domestic and offshore), structured debt offerings and trading and clearing services.

An active contributor to the community, Sonia is a member of the derivatives consultative committee of the Québec Autorité des marchés financiers and leads courses on mergers and acquisitions, securities and derivatives law at the Faculties of Law of McGill University, Université Laval and University of Ottawa. Sonia also served as chair of McCarthy Tétrault's national Annual Disclosure & Governance Seminar for public companies for over 10 years. Additionally, she is a director and the chair of the human resource committee of The Prosperity Project, a registered charity aiming to propel Canadian women's economic progress.

Sonia obtained her BA (philosophy) from Vassar College and her BCL and LLB degrees from McGill University. In 2023, she obtained a Certificate in Climate Change Policy & Practice from the University of Toronto. Sonia was called to the Québec bar in 1988 and the Ontario bar in 1994.

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Awards & Rankings

Chambers Canada

Leading Lawyer: Investment Funds

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Corporate Commercial Law; Investment Funds & Asset Management - Investment Funds; Corporate Mid-Market

The Legal 500 - Canada

Recommended: Insurance

Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

Leading Lawyer

Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading lawyer in the area of securities law

Acritas Stars

"Stand-out lawyer"

Martindale-Hubbell Directory

Leading lawyer

Recent Experience

 Desjardins General Insurance Group Inc. enters a definitive agreement to indirectly acquire ICPEI Holdings Inc.

March 27, 2024

 Garda World Security closes the private offering of US\$400M senior secured notes

January 30, 2023

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■ Power Sustainable Lios launches Lios Fund I LP

June 10, 2022

■ Cogeco Communications finalizes private offering of C\$500M 2.991% senior secured notes

September 20, 2021

Recent Insights

OSFI Updates Guideline for Federal Financial Institutions on Climate
 Risk Management and Disclosure

April 8, 2024

 Greenwashers Beware: Federal Court of Australia finds civil liability in investment fund greenwashing case

April 2, 2024

Canadian Sustainability Standards Board proposes Canadian
 Sustainability Disclosure Standards

March 21, 2024

■ SEC Approves Landmark Climate-Related Disclosure Rules

March 11, 2024

Events

■ Navigating the ESG & Sustainability Landscape Series

September 20, 2023

Retention and Promotion of Women in the Legal Profession Continuation

October 13, 2021