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Bar Admission

New York, USA 2000

Québec 2007

Law School

McGill University

Practices

Mergers & Acquisitions

Capital Markets

Distressed Transactions

Industries

Private Equity & Investments

Pension Funds Group

US and International Markets

US Markets

Patrick M. Shea, Co-Head of our Private Equity group and a partner in our Business Law Group, has a cross-border transactional practice based in Montreal that is focused on M&A, private equity and corporate and commercial law. He has acted for private equity and corporate clients in Canadian, U.S. and international mergers and acquisitions across a wide range of industries.

Patrick is Chambers-ranked and is also repeatedly recognized by Lexpert and Best Lawyers for his significant domestic and cross-border experience in mergers and acquisitions, private equity, leveraged buyouts, commercial law and corporate law. In 2012, he was named a Rising Star by Lexpert, the annual award that honours Canada's leading lawyers under 40.

Patrick is the relationship partner for numerous Canadian clients and U.S. and other international clients that operate in Canada, including public companies, small- and mid-sized businesses, private equity firms, hedge funds, investment banks and entrepreneurs.

Patrick received an A.B. from Princeton University in 1995 and an LL.B. and B.C.L. from McGill Law School in 1999. During his first five years of practice, he was an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, a leading U.S. law firm, in New York. Patrick is fluent in English and French.

Patrick routinely advises clients on complex and innovative M&A and private equity transactions. Select experience includes:

Private Equity M&A:

- **Novacap** in its acquisitions of Optiom, Spectrum Health, Joseph Ribkoff, The Master Group, Hallcon, Laces Group, Zenith Home, Pipp Mobile Storage Systems, Dow Industries and Smyth Companies
- **Thompson Street Capital Partners** in its acquisitions of T-Base Communications and TetraGenx (now known as Vetio Animal Health)
- **Apax Partners** in its acquisition of Ideal Protein
- **Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec** in its participation in a consortium of private equity investors that acquired Alexander Forbes and in its participation in a consortium of private equity investors that acquired St. George's University
- **Walter Capital Partners** in its acquisition of Edge Imaging and in its equity investment in Athos Services Commémoratifs
- **L Catterton** and its portfolio company **Alasko Foods** in their acquisition of FooDelicious
- **Odyssey Investment Partners** and its portfolio company **Barcodes Group** in their acquisition of the business of QSG
- **Tenex Capital Management** in its acquisition of the business of NAP Gladu

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- **Sverica International** in its acquisition of Syscon Justice Systems
- **Platinum Equity** in its acquisition of Ryerson
- **Snowdon Partners** in its acquisitions of Groupe Incursion and Jerry Van Dyke Travel Services
- **Polygon Mining Opportunity Master Fund**, as the majority shareholder of Caza Gold, in Caza Gold's take-over by Royal Roads Minerals
- **Roynat Capital** in its equity investment in Boulangerie St-Méthode
- **CounterPoint Capital Partners** in its acquisition of Parts Now
- **Marlin Equity Partners** in its acquisition of the mediation and messaging product business of Openwave Systems

Strategic M&A:

- **Kadant** in its acquisitions of Cogent Industrial Technologies, Carmanah Design and Manufacturing, Filtration Fibrewall and the forest products business of NII FPG
- **Socomec** in its acquisition of Powersmiths International
- **Resurgent Holdings** in its sale of Resurgent Holdings Canada to PRA Group
- **Sia Partners** in its acquisition of E3 Conseil
- **Guerbet** in the acquisition of the global contrast media and delivery systems business of Mallinckrodt and in the sale of its pharmaceutical site in Montreal to MedXL
- **Arcam** in its acquisition of Advanced Powders & Coating
- **NAPEC** in its acquisition of Bemis
- **Jarden** in its acquisition of Waddington Group
- **Suncor Energy** in acquisition of the Montreal refinery services business of Chemtrade Logistics
- **Intact Financial** in its acquisition of AXA Canada
- **Cirque du Soleil** and its controlling shareholder in the sale of a minority stake to Istithmar World Capital and Nakheel World
- **Turquoise Hill Resources** in the sale of certain mining assets
- **G2 Printing** in its acquisition by SupremeX
- **Borex** in several wind farm acquisitions

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- **Capital Safety** in its acquisition of Fall Protection Group
- **McKesson Canada** in its acquisition of the specialty and biological drug distribution, patient support and direct-to-patient drug dispensing business of PDI Group and Specialized Health Care
- **Groupe Aeroplan** in its acquisition of Carlson Marketing Worldwide
- **Garda World** in its acquisitions of Kroll Security International, ATI Systems International, Rentokil Initial Canada and Vance International
- **RONA** in its acquisitions of Curtis Lumber and Chester Dawe Limited
- **Gildan Activewear** in its acquisition of Kentucky Derby Hosiery
- **Unilever** in its dispositions of various personal and home care brands
- **U.S. Trust** in its acquisition by The Charles Schwab Corporation
- **Johnson & Johnson** in its acquisition of Innovasive Devices
- **IBM** in its acquisition of Accessible Software

Private Equity Fund Formation:

- **Fiera Comox Partners** in the formation of an agricultural private equity fund
- **Adenia Partners** in the formation of Adenia Capital (III)
- **Emerging Energy & Environment** in the formation of Emerging Energy Latin America Fund II
- **McGill University/The Royal Institute for the Advancement of Learning** in its investments in numerous private equity funds
- A major institutional investor in the structuring of a series of cross-border swap arrangements with respect to various portfolios of private equity fund interests

Community Involvement

An ardent believer in giving back to the community, Patrick volunteers his time for a number of foundations, charities and other not-for-profit organizations. He is a director of the McGill University Health Centre Foundation, the vice-chairperson and a trustee of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation, a director of the Father Dowd Foundation, a director of the Andover Canadian Fund and a member of the Faculty Advisory Board of the Faculty of Law of McGill University. He has previously served as a director of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, as a director of the Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation, as the chairperson and a director of the Loyola High School Foundation, as a member of the Loyola High School board of governors, as the president and a director of St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, as a member of the Princeton University Schools Committee, as a director of LOVE (Quebec), as a director of Leave Out Violence (U.S.) and as

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the chairperson of the Princeton University Schools Committee for the Province of Quebec. He was the founder and first president of the Loyola High School Alumni Association. Patrick has led or participated in numerous capital fundraising campaigns, including for the McGill University Health Centre, Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal, St. Mary's Hospital, McGill University, Princeton University and Loyola High School.

Awards & Rankings

Chambers Global

Leading Lawyer: Corporate/M&A - Canada

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Leading Lawyer: Private Equity - Buyouts - Canada

Chambers Canada

Leading Lawyer: Corporate/Commercial - Quebec and Private Equity: Buyouts

IFLR1000 Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms

Highly Regarded: Private Equity, M&A, Investment Management

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading lawyer: Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Mid-Market; Mergers and Acquisitions; Private Equity

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

Leading Lawyer: Corporate Commercial Law, Corporate Mid-Market and Mergers & Acquisitions

Lexpert Special Edition – Finance and M&A

Leading Lawyer

The Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading lawyer in the areas of Mergers and Acquisitions, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity and Corporate Law

The Best Lawyers in Canada - 2017

Montreal Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Lawyer of the Year

Lexpert Magazine - 2012

Rising Star - Canada's leading lawyers under 40

Recent Experience

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- **Thompson Street Capital Partners V, L.P. sells Vetio Animal Health to Swedencare AB**
June 30, 2021
- **General Atlantic completes an equity investment in pet food company Open Farm**
December 30, 2020
- **Novacap closes acquisition of majority interest in Optiom**
September 10, 2020
- **Guerbet sells its pharmaceutical site in Montreal to MedXL**
July 14, 2020

Recent Insights

- **On Target: 2021 Private Equity Outlook**
January 05, 2021
- **COVID-19 and Private Funds – What’s Next?**
June 02, 2020
- **Restructuring of Investissement Quebec Aimed to Increase Foreign Investment in Quebec and Increase Number of SMEs**
March 12, 2020
- **On Target: 2020 Private Equity Outlook**
February 27, 2020

Events

- **Private Equity Outlook Webinar**
February 03, 2021