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Bar Admission

Ontario 1991

Law School

Queen's University

Practices

Mergers & Acquisitions
Capital Markets
Corporate Governance
Public Companies

Industries

Private Equity & Investments
Banking & Financial Services
Technology
Communications

US and International Markets

United States

David Woollcombe is a partner in our Business Law Group. He is a former national practice group leader of our Business Law Group and a former co-head of our mergers and acquisitions team. David's practice is focused on corporate law matters, particularly mergers and acquisitions. He advises Canadian and international businesses and private equity firms on domestic and cross border M&A, reorganization transactions and complex commercial matters. He counsels strategic and financial buyers, sellers, boards and special committees on their most important transactions. In addition, David advises issuers, investors and investment dealers on securities offerings, including equity and debt transactions by prospectus or private placement. He also regularly advises clients on continuous disclosure and corporate governance matters and has assisted clients in structuring joint ventures and related shareholders agreements.

David is recognized as a leading practitioner by clients and peers, including in Chambers Canada, the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Lexpert Guide to US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada, The Legal 500 - Canada, International Who's Who Legal Guide, The Lexpert / American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada, Best Lawyers in Canada, and International Financial Law Review.

David received his BA from Carleton University in 1986 and his LLB from Queen's University in 1989 and was called to the Ontario bar in 1991. He spent part of 1995 on secondment to the Corporate Finance Branch of the Ontario Securities Commission. He has taught courses on directors' duties at the Directors College (DeGroot School of Business) and regularly teaches a seminar for the advanced securities law programs at the University of Western Ontario and University of Windsor. He is active in the community, having served as a director of the Canadian Cancer Society and Prostate Cancer Canada.

In addition to his practice, David is the Firm's General Counsel, with responsibility for the firm's legal affairs and risk management, including conflicts and compliance matters.

SELECT EXPERIENCE:

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- Cameco on its purchase with Brookfield Renewable Partners of Westinghouse Electric Company
- Cara Holdings on its take private with Fairfax of Recipe Unlimited
- Special committee of Shopify on changes to its governance structure
- Crane Co on the sale of its Crane Supply business to Groupe Deschênes
- J.D. Irving on the sale of Brunswick News to Postmedia
- Score Media and Gaming on its sale to Penn National Gaming
- Wells Fargo on the sale of its direct leasing business to TD Bank
- Deloitte Canada on the sale of a subset of its small enterprise business to MNP
- Centrica on the sale of Direct Energy to NRG
- Cineworld Group plc on its proposed acquisition of Cineplex Inc. (transaction terminated by Cineworld)
- Metso Corporation on its acquisition of McCloskey International
- Special committee of Loblaw Companies on the spin-out of Choice Properties REIT
- CIBC on its credit card loyalty program with Air Canada and participation in the consortium for the purchase of Aimia Canada
- NVIDIA on its acquisition of TransGaming's graphics and portability business
- Cara Holdings on the \$200m initial public offering of Cara Operations (now Recipe Unlimited)
- Direct Energy on the sale of its Ontario home services business to EnerCare
- Bouygues Energies and Services in connection with its acquisition of Plan Group
- Mattel on its acquisition of Mega Brands
- CIBC on the renewal of its affinity relationship with Aimia and the sale of approximately 50% of its Aeroplan credit card portfolio to TD Bank

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Awards & Rankings

Chambers Global

Leading Lawyer: Corporate/M&A - Canada

Chambers Canada

Leading Lawyer: Corporate Commercial - Ontario

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

Leading Lawyer: Corporate Commercial Law, Corporate Finance & Securities, M&A, Private equity and Corporate Mid-Market

Lexpert Guide to US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada

A leading cross-border lawyer

The Legal 500 - Canada

Leading lawyer: Corporate and M&A

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

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

International Who's Who Legal Guide

Leading lawyer in the area of mergers & acquisitions

Best Lawyers in Canada - 2016

"Lawyer of the Year" in the area of securities law

Best Lawyers in Canada

Leading lawyer in the areas of corporate law, mergers & acquisitions law and securities law

IFLR 1000 Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms

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Legal Media Group: Guide to the World's Leading Private Equity Lawyers

International Financial Law Review

Leading lawyer in the area of mergers & acquisitions

Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

Leading Lawyer

Lexpert Special Edition - Technology & Health Sciences

Leading Lawyer

Recent Experience

- **Teck Introduces Sunset for Dual Class Share Structure**
May 12, 2023
- **Rogers Communications Inc. completes acquisition of Shaw Communications**
April 3, 2023
- **JV between Dream Industrial REIT and GIC acquires Summit Industrial Income REIT for C\$5.9B**
February 17, 2023
- **Fairfax completes acquisition of Recipe Unlimited**
October 28, 2022