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Bar Admission

Ontario 2002

Law School

University of Western Ontario

Practices

Mergers & Acquisitions
Capital Markets

Industries

Global Metals & Mining

Eva Bellissimo is a partner in the firm's Toronto office and Co-leader of McCarthy Tétrault's Global Metals & Mining Group. Eva's practice is focused on mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and corporate finance, primarily in the mining and cannabis industries.

With more than 18 years of experience and having led hundreds of transactions, Eva is deeply connected to the mining industry and is a strategic and entrepreneurial lawyer with a strong reputation for getting the deal done.

In her M&A practice, Eva offers pragmatic advice and develops deal strategy for acquirors, target companies and special committees, assisting clients in developing and executing a variety of transactions including arrangements, reverse take-overs, going-private transactions, take-over bids and other business combinations. In her corporate finance practice, she advises issuers and investment banks on public equity offerings, convertible debt transactions, initial public offerings, and strategic investments. Eva has also navigated issuers through proxy contests and advised with respect to activist shareholder actions.

Eva has led a range of M&A and corporate financing transactions involving TSX, TSXV and CSE listed issuers, including:

- Acting for Stelco on its US\$100 million option to acquire 25% interest in Minntac, the largest iron ore mine in the United States, and entry into long term extension pellet supply agreement with U.S Steel
- Acting for Newcrest Mining on its US\$460 million acquisition of gold prepay and silver stream facilities and offtake on Lundin Gold's Fruta del Norte gold mine in Ecuador from Orion and Blackstone
- Acting for Endeavour Mining on its C\$1 billion all-stock acquisition of TSX-listed SEMAFO which operates the Boungou and Mana gold mines in Burkina Faso
- Acted for a syndicate of agents led by Haywood Securities Inc. in connection with an initial public offering of Uranium Royalty Corp
- Acted for Calibre Mining on its acquisition of two operating mines from B2Gold and concurrent \$100 million financing and TSX graduation.
- Acted for Osisko Gold Royalties on a C\$537 million going private transaction of TSX-listed Dalradian Resources and continuing shareholder arrangements.
- Acting on behalf of Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. in connection with its \$1.2 billion business combination with Newmarket Gold Inc.
- Acting on behalf of a syndicate of agents co-led by Scotia Capital Inc.,

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Canaccord Genuity Corp. and National Bank Financial Inc. in connection with an initial public offering of Titan Mining Corporation

- Acting on behalf of Desert Lion Energy Inc. in connection with its subscription receipt offering and reverse take-over listing transaction
- Acting on behalf of a syndicate of agents co-led by Scotia Capital Inc. and Haywood Securities Inc. in connection with a public offering of \$65 million of common shares of Altius Minerals Corporation the proceeds of which were used to fund a portion of a \$500 million royalty acquisition
- Acting on behalf of a Buffalo Coal Corp. in connection with a number of strategic convertible debt investments by Resource Capital Funds V L.P.
- Acting on behalf of a syndicate of underwriters led by Cormark Securities Inc. and GMP Securities L.P. in connection with a \$109 million initial public offering of common shares of Teranga Gold Corporation following the \$600 million spin-off of the Sabodala gold project from Mineral Deposits Limited to Teranga
- Acting on behalf of Franco-Nevada Corporation in connection with a \$370 million public offering of units

In addition to her law practice, Eva remains actively involved with Western University. Eva was as regular lecturer on mining corporate finance at Western University Law School and is the Chair of the Advisory Council for the DAN Management Program at Western University. Eva also sits on a number of public company boards.

Eva is a graduate of Western University, B.A. (ACS) (with Distinction), 1998, and Western University Law School, LL.B., 2001. She was called to the Ontario Bar in 2002.

Awards & Rankings

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Recent Experience

- **Endeavour Mining completes C\$1B all-stock acquisition of SEMAFO Inc.**
July 01, 2020
- **Stelco signs long term pellet supply agreement and option to acquire 25% interest in Minntac with U.S. Steel**
April 30, 2020
- **Evolution Mining acquires Red Lake gold mine from Newmont**
March 31, 2020
- **Calibre Mining Corp. acquires Nicaragua mining assets from B2Gold Corp.**
October 15, 2019