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Admission au barreau

Ontario 1993

Faculté de droit

Osgoode Hall Law School

Domaines de pratique

Fusions et acquisitions
Gouvernance d'entreprise
Marchés des capitaux

Secteurs d'activité

Capital-investissement et investissements
Droit bancaire et services financiers
Groupe Caisses de retraite

Enjeux stratégiques

ESG et durabilité
Situations critiques et activisme des actionnaires

Disponible en anglais seulement

Bob is a creative and solutions-oriented securities and public M&A lawyer

Robert (Bob) Richardson is a partner in our mergers and acquisitions (M&A), capital markets and financial services groups in Toronto. In addition, he is a leader of our firm-wide multidisciplinary Critical Situations & Activism team and our firm-wide multidisciplinary ESG & Sustainability team.

A seasoned securities lawyer and former senior banking and investment banking executive, Bob leverages his knowledge, experience, creativity and judgment to identify and implement legal solutions to business challenges, achieving clients' business objectives in a way that appropriately balances risks and rewards.

Mr. Richardson's practice is focused on M&A transactions, corporate governance and crisis remediation. He acts for public companies, private equity sponsors, special committees, financing providers and financial advisors in connection with a broad range of matters, including contested and distressed transactions. During his 30-year legal career, Bob has worked closely on many prominent and complex transactions, including:

- Canada's largest successful unsolicited and contested take-over bid, Brookfield Infrastructure's \$8.6 billion acquisition of Inter Pipeline Ltd.,
- Canada's largest insolvency restructuring, the restructuring of Canada's \$32 billion non-bank asset-backed commercial paper (ABCP) market,
- Canada's largest equity offering and first use of the integrated cornerstone investor deal structure, CIBC's \$3 billion offering at the onset of the Global Financial Crisis,
- Constellation Brands' \$5.1 billion strategic "PIPE" equity investment in, and joint venture with, Canopy Growth Corporation,
- CIBC's \$6.8 billion cross-border share exchange acquisition of Chicago-based PrivateBancorp, Inc., a Nasdaq-listed commercial and retail bank, and

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- Maple Group's (a consortium of 13 of Canada's largest financial institutions and pension funds) \$3.8 billion contested acquisition of TMX Group (the owner of Canada's largest stock exchange), Canadian Depository for Securities and Alpha ATS, an alternative trading system and exchange.

Prior to rejoining McCarthy Tétrault in 2018, Bob was the Senior Vice President and General Counsel (Canada) at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and a Managing Director at CIBC World Markets Inc., CIBC's principal investment banking subsidiary. While at CIBC, he led a talented team of more than a hundred professionals located in Canada, Europe, the Caribbean, the United States and the Asia-Pacific Region, while directing the legal aspects of almost all of CIBC's strategic transactions globally and advising CIBC World Markets in connection with countless IPOs, bought deals and M&A advisory engagements. Mr. Richardson also spent a year as special counsel at the Ontario Securities Commission, while on loan from McCarthys, where he worked on contested M&A transactions and policy reformulation.

While completing his undergraduate studies, Bob completed the Canadian Army's RESO Armour Officer training program. Following almost 13 years of service, Bob retired as a Captain. He is a proud recipient of the Canadian Forces decoration (CD) and the Canadian 125th Anniversary Medal.

Bob is a graduate of Trent University (BA), Osgoode Hall Law School (LLB and LL.M) and the Canadian Army's RESO program is an adjunct professor of at Western University's Faculty of Law, where he teaches Corporate Finance and Crisis Management at the JD level, and has been an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, where he has taught Corporate Finance and M&A Transactions at the LL.M level.

Bob is a member of the Veterans' Mental Health Advisory Committee at the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine and has served on the Canada Committee of RefuSHE, a Chicago-based NGO providing sanctuary, schooling, vocational training and outplacement to young women and children in Africa.

Prix et distinctions

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Mandats récents

- **Lithum Americas Corp. annonce son intention de se scinder en deux sociétés distinctes axées sur le lithium**
3 octobre 2023
- **NFI réalise un placement de 125 M\$ CA en reçus de souscription**
6 juin 2023
- **Brookfield Asset Management acquiert HomeServe pour 4,08 milliards £**
4 janvier 2023
- **FAX Capital Corp. conclut une entente définitive pour une opération de privatisation**
4 juillet 2022

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Publications récentes

- **Une référence mondiale en matière de divulgation de l'information liée à la durabilité et aux changements climatiques a vu le jour : l'ISSB publie ses normes définitives**
7 juillet 2023
- **4e Annual General Counsel Summit 2023: L'avocat général et le leadership juridique à une époque incertaine**
21 mars 2023
- **The Mergers & Acquisitions Review, seizième édition – chapitre sur le Canada (disponible en anglais seulement)**
24 février 2023
- **3e Annual General Counsel Summit de McCarthy Tétrault – Les avocats généraux en tant que leaders de la croissance à l'ère des grands bouleversements**
11 juillet 2022

Événements

- **11e Sommet annuel sur le commerce de détail et les marchés des biens de consommation**
25 février 2021

