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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 2011; Ontario,
2018

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Ryan's practice involves all aspects of corporate law, with a focus on commercial real estate, commercial banking and debt financing (including significant experience in renewable resource project financing). Representative matters include:

- Acted for Summit Industrial Income REIT in the acquisition of the remaining 50% ownership interest in eleven light industrial properties in Montreal for a purchase price of \$88 million.
- Acted for Summit Industrial Income REIT in the acquisition and financing of a four property portfolio of light industrial properties near Pearson International Airport for a purchase price of \$66.1 million.
- Acted for Summit Industrial Income REIT in the acquisition and financing of a ten property portfolio in the greater Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal areas for a purchase price of \$72 million.
- Representing Sobeys Inc. in the acquisition of the assets of Canada Safeway for approximately \$5.8 billion.
- Representing Crombie REIT in the acquisition and financing of 70 commercial properties for approximately \$990 million.
- Acting as de facto general counsel for local tech startup companies, which has included successful seed, Series A and B financings and the negotiation of complicated licensing and re-seller agreements relating to each company's SaaS offering
- Acting for the lenders in the financing of multiple COMFIT wind energy projects in Nova Scotia.
- Representing the owner in the development and financing of a large commercial wind farm, which included a \$107 million syndicated loan.
- Representing a national retailer in the acquisition of a large, iconic Atlantic Canadian home improvement chain.
- Acting for a large Canadian company in its joint venture with the largest diversified supplier of construction materials in North America.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing
Commercial Leasing
Commercial Transactions/Agreements
Mergers & Acquisitions
Real Property

Education & Career

Education

University of Melbourne, LLM, 2010
Bond University, JD, 2009
St. Francis Xavier University, BA, 2006

Thought Leadership

The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program: COVID-19 economic response
May 21, 2020