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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 1992

Legal Assistant(s): [Erica Yuzyk](#)

Providing legal services through a professional corporation.

Andrew practices primarily in the areas of securities law and mergers and acquisitions, where he has represented various public and private issuers as well as securities dealers on matters such as public offerings, private placements, continuous disclosure, corporate governance, and share and asset acquisitions. Andrew also regularly acts as local counsel in connection with national securities transactions. His clients include public companies (TSX and TSX Venture listed) and securities dealers and advisors. Andrew has:

- Acted for Empire Company in connection with its \$1.844 billion public offering of subscription receipts.
- Acted for Sobeys in connection with its \$1 billion brokered private placement of unsecured debt.
- Acted for a TSX listed national grocery retailer in a private placement offering of \$300 million aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior unsecured notes due July 14, 2016.
- Acted for a transportation infrastructure issuer in connection with a \$150 million brokered bond private placement.
- Acted for a TSX listed food processing company in connection with its acquisition of assets for \$160 million from another public company in exchange for cash and securities.
- Advised a real estate investment trust on securities matters in its \$200 million initial public offering.
- Acted for four corporations in their initial public offerings under the capital pool program of the TSX Venture Exchange.
- Acted for a special committee of a TSX listed entity in connection with a proposed going-private transaction valued at \$70 million.
- Acted in connection with several acquisitions, including mining, real estate and industrial businesses that were accepted as "qualifying transactions" under the capital pool program of the TSX Venture Exchange.
- Acted for a TSX Listed printing company on its \$60 million initial public offering and its subsequent take-over.

- Acted for a national TSX Venture listed business services company in connection with over \$25 million in private placements and numerous asset and share acquisitions with aggregate transaction value in excess of \$30 million.
- Acted for an income fund in connection with the sale of all of its transportation infrastructure assets for in excess of \$170 million.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing

Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Corporate Governance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities

Education & Career

Education

Dalhousie University, LLB, 1991

Saint Mary's University, BComm, 1988

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Assistant professor (part-time), Schulich School of Law: Corporate Governance

Past member, TSX Listings Advisory Committee

Board of Directors, Fighting Blindness Canada (past Chair 2014 – 2020)

Accolades

Best Lawyers 2022 Securities Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax

Best Lawyers 2020 Securities Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax

Best Lawyers: Corporate Law, 2013 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Securities Law, 2011 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Corporate Finance & Securities, 2010 – 2024

Lexpert rating: Mergers & Acquisitions, 2013 – 2017

Martindale-Hubbell rating: BV Distinguished®

Thought Leadership

Outlook for 2024 Proxy Season

February 09, 2024

Outlook for 2023 Proxy Season

February 13, 2023

Outlook for 2022 proxy season

February 18, 2022

Outlook for 2021 proxy season

February 16, 2021

Bringing corporate governance online, part 1: Virtual shareholders' meetings

May 01, 2020

Diversity disclosure under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*

November 05, 2019

Client Update: Keeping up with crypto – CSA issues another staff notice; AML regulations proposed to be amended

June 26, 2018

Client Update: TSX Company Manual amendments will result in a “modest increase” to listed issuer’s disclosure practices

November 16, 2017

Client Update: Cryptocurrencies: securities law implications

September 28, 2017

Presentations

Co-presenter, “What if they Revolt? Managing Difficult Shareholder and Member Meetings”, Maritime and Newfoundland and Labrador Chapters of the Institute of Corporate Directors

September 21, 2021