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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 2004

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Providing legal services through a professional corporation.

Christine works with her clients on transactions of all sizes, domestic and international, and their day-to-day corporate and commercial needs. Her practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, banking and financing, corporate governance and infrastructure projects. Christine has a depth of experience leading teams and managing projects and is known for her practical approach.

Christine has worked on transactions in a broad range of industries, including automotive, civil construction, environmental and waste services, transportation, agriculture, cannabis and telecommunications. Christine works with both private and public companies and understands the specific needs of private equity firms and family offices. Christine also has experience with inbound investment and cross-border financing structures. A regular presenter on matters of corporate governance, Christine also advises clients on directors' and officers' obligations, interpretation of policies, and conflicts of interest among other governance issues.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing

Cannabis

Commercial Transactions/Agreements

Corporate Governance

Infrastructure

Mergers & Acquisitions

Education & Career

Education

ICD-Rotman, Directors Education Program, 2019

Dalhousie University, LL.B., 2003

Acadia University, B.Sc., 2000

Activities

Member, Board of Trustees, PROREIT, 2022 – present

Member, Partnership Board, Stewart McKelvey, 2017 – 2022

Member, Board of Governors, Acadia University, 2018 – present

Lecturer, Business Associations, Dalhousie University, 2020 – present

Member, Board of Directors, Halifax International Marathon Society (Bluenose Marathon)

Member, Institute of Corporate Directors

Member, International Women's Forum, Atlantic Canada Chapter

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Firm Practice Group Leader, Tax Estates & Trusts, Stewart McKelvey, 2014 – 2016

Director, Laing House, 2009 – 2018

Chair, board of directors, Laing House, 2016 – 2018

Member, Young IFA (International Fiscal Association) Network Committee, 2014 – 2016

Member, Acadia University F.C. Manning School of Business Advisory Board, 2014 – 2017

Member, Young Practitioners Steering Committee, Canadian Tax Foundation, 2008 – 2010

Director, Associated Alumni Acadia University, 2003 – 2009

Completed Levels I & II, CICA In-depth Tax Course (The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants), 2007

Accolades

Recipient, Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, 2023

Chambers and Partners Canada 2022-2024 Corporate/Commercial – Atlantic Canada, Band 2 lawyer

Best Lawyers 2022, 2024 Banking and Finance Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax

Best Lawyers 2021, 2023, 2024 Mergers and Acquisitions Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax

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

Best Lawyers: Banking and Finance Law, 2019 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Corporate Law, 2019 – 2024

Best Lawyers: Mergers & Acquisitions, 2019 – 2024

Nominated Acritas Star™ Lawyer, 2017 & 2018

Lexpert® Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada, Corporate Lawyers to Watch, 2013

Lexpert Rising Star, ‘Leading Lawyers under 40’ in Canada, 2012

Lexpert rating: Corporate Mid-Market, 2021 – 2023

Lexpert rating: Banking & Financial Institutions, 2014 – 2023

Lexpert rating: Corporate Commercial Law, 2013 – 2023

Lexpert rating: Mergers and Acquisitions, 2013 – 2023

Thought Leadership

Updated guidance on business reporting obligations under Canada's supply chain transparency legislation

February 23, 2024

Preparing for Canada's "Modern Slavery Act": considerations and guidance for businesses

November 30, 2023

Bringing corporate governance online, part 2: Electronically-signed share certificates

June 22, 2020

Client Update: The Cannabis Act – Getting into the Weeds

May 09, 2017

Presentations

Moderator, "Lessons (and ideas) from seasoned buyers", Business Transitions Forum Atlantic

April 12, 2022

Presenter, "Drafting Indemnity and Limitation of Liability Clauses", Canadian Bar Association Skilled Lawyer Series 2018 webinar

Presenter, "Shareholder Agreements: How to Draft Effective and Enforceable Provisions", Canadian Bar Association Skilled Lawyer Series 2017 webinar, 2017

Presenter, "Structuring Hybrid Transactions", Atlantic Provinces Tax Conference, 2017

Presenter, "Tax Considerations for M & A Transactions – Due Diligence", Atlantic Provinces Tax Conference, 2015

Presenter, "Negotiating the Deal: Preliminary Agreements", Canadian Bar Association Skilled Lawyer Series 2016 webinar, 2016

Presenter, "Sale of a Business – Devil in the Details: Buying or Selling a Business in a Tax Efficient Way", Canadian Bar Association, Tax Law, Tips and Traps for Non-Tax Practitioners, 2012

Presenter, Workshop "Basic Corporate Reorganizations – s. 85 and others", Atlantic Provinces Tax Conference, 2010

Presenter, "Amalgamations after June 2008", Canadian Bar Association, Nova Scotia, Corporate Commercial Law Conference, 2009

Presenter, "Unlimited Liability Companies", Osgoode Professional Development, The Short Course on Partnerships – Limited Partnerships and Unlimited Liability Companies, 2007 & 2008

Presenter, “Amalgamations & Wind-Ups: Tax Planning Considerations Relating to Corporate and Partnership Amalgamations & Wind-ups”, Canadian Tax Foundation Annual Conference, 2006

Presenter, “Estates and Trusts Update: Alter Ego, Self-Benefit and Joint Partner Trusts”, Atlantic Provinces Tax Seminar, 2005