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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 2006; California,
1999; Ontario, 1998; New York, 1998

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*Providing legal services through a professional
corporation.*

No matter where a transaction takes place, or which industries it involves, Gavin's unique mix of cross-border experience and practical insight help to successfully close the deal. For public company transactions, his clients look to him for leadership and expertise in structuring, negotiating and closing complex deals with speed, tact and precision.

Working with a diverse group of client companies in real estate, mining, consumer products and media, Gavin helps protect interests and maximize returns. He has:

- Acted for DHX Media Ltd. in connection with concurrent Canadian and U.S. public offerings totaling \$65 million.
- Acted for DHX Media Ltd. in connection with its cross-listing on the TSX and NASDAQ.
- Acted for DHX Media Ltd. in connection with its creation and listing of a dual class share capital structure designed to ensure compliance with Canadian ownership restrictions.
- Acted for DHX Media Ltd. in connection to primary and secondary bought deal offerings totaling \$168 million.
- Acted for Empire Company in connection with its \$1.844 billion public offering of subscription receipts.
- Represented Crombie REIT in bought deal offerings of convertible debentures, trust units and subscription receipts totaling more than \$600 million.
- Represented DHX Media Ltd. in a \$19 million overnight marketed offering of common shares.
- Represented High Liner Foods Incorporated in its \$162 million acquisition of the Marketing and Manufacturing Group of Fishery Products International Limited and related prospectus offering.
- Represented Empire Company Limited in its \$1 billion transaction taking Sobeys Inc. private.

Practice Areas

Banking & Financing
Commercial Transactions/Agreements
Corporate Formation/Reorganization
Education
Mergers & Acquisitions
Securities

Education & Career

Education

University of Toronto, LLB, 1996
McMaster University, M.Sc., 1993
Dalhousie University, B.Sc., 1991

Activities

Practice group leader, Securities & Public Companies, Stewart McKelvey, 2008 – 2011
Member, Canadian Bar Association
Chair, securities section, Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia branch, 2013 – 2015 (vice chair, 2011 – 2013)
Member, American Bar Association

Accolades

Best Lawyers 2019 Securities Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
Best Lawyers 2017 Securities Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
Best Lawyers 2015 Securities Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Halifax
Best Lawyers: Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2016 – 2019
Best Lawyers: Securities Law, 2016 – 2019
Lexpert rating: Corporate Finance & Securities
Lexpert rating: Corporate Mid-Market

Presentations

Presenter, “Crash Course for Non-Securities Specialists in Identifying and Addressing Securities Issues in Business Transactions”, securities section, Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia branch, December 2015

Presenter, “Crowdfunding”, securities section, Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia branch, September 2014

Co-presenter of half-day workshop, “Securities Law and Related Contracts – Underwriting, Subscription and Other Securities Agreements”, Insight Major Business Agreements Conference 2010

Presenter, "Private Placements - Securities Law and Related Agreements", Canadian Bar Association - Prince Edward Island branch Continuing Legal Education Conference, September 2010