

## Candace L. Thomas, QC

### Partner

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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 2000; Ontario,  
1997

Legal Assistant(s): [Elysia Britten](#)

Whether Candace is working as part of a team on a large, complex transaction, helping the owners of a family operated business restructure, assisting a young professional purchase her first practice or working pro bono for a not-for-profit organization, Candace's goal is to achieve the best possible results for her clients. Some of the more recent transactions Candace has been involved with include:

- The acquisition by Sobeys of the assets of Canada Safeway for approximately \$5.8 billion, and related financing transactions.
- Representing the borrower in connection with a series of commercial mortgage loans with an aggregate total in excess of \$90,000,000.
- Representing the purchaser in connection with the purchase and financing of commercial properties located in six provinces for a purchase price of approximately \$430,000,000.
- Acting in an agency capacity, represented the Nova Scotia subsidiary of a United States borrower in respect of the refinancing of a \$200,000,000 syndicated revolving credit facility and security given in respect of a \$325,000,000 secured notes offering.
- Representing the purchaser in connection with the purchase and financing of telecommunications businesses located throughout Canada, the western United States and the Caribbean.
- Representing a United States publicly traded corporation in connection with the purchase of an Ontario manufacturing business and a marine engineering business with operations in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

## Practice Areas

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Banking & Financing  
Commercial Transactions/Agreements  
Corporate Formation/Reorganization  
Education  
Real Property  
Securities

## Education & Career

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### Education

Dalhousie University, LLB, 1995  
St. Mary's University, BA, 1986

### Activities

Firm:

Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee  
Former Practice Group Leader, Owner Managed Business  
Former Member, Students' Committee

External:

Member, Canadian Bar Association  
Member, Governance and Nominating Committee, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society  
Member, Hearing Committee, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society  
Member, Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, Nova Scotia Chapter  
Chair, Board of Governors, Dalhousie University  
Past Chair, Governance and Human Resources Committee, Dalhousie University Board of Governors  
Former Member, Board of Governors, Sacred Heart School of Halifax  
Member, Board of Directors, East Preston Empowerment Academy Society  
Member, Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia, Business Hall of Fame Selection Committee  
Member, International Women's Forum, Atlantic Canada Chapter  
Co-Chair, East Coast Music Awards, Local Engagement Committee, June 2017 - present  
Halifax Central Library, Co-Chair, Share the Wow Capital Campaign, 2014 - 2016  
Vice Chair, Legislation and Law Reform Committee, Canadian Bar Association, Nova Scotia Branch, 2003 - 2004  
Former member, Provincial Electoral Boundaries Commission

### Accolades

Queen's Counsel, 2017  
Best Lawyers: Corporate Law, 2017 - 2019

## Publications

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Former contributor, business law column, Black to Business magazine

Co-author with Sadira Jan, *Vessel Transactions – Basic Elements and Due Diligence Nuances*, Canadian Lawyer Magazine, 2012; posted on Mondaq, July 2012

## Presentations

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Keynote Address, SMU Women’s Centre Celebration of Women, International Women’s Day 2019

Co-presenter, “Investigation the Deal: Effective Due Diligence”, the Canadian Bar Association Skilled Lawyer Series 2019, National Webinar

April 01, 2019

Moderator, “Estate Planning Essentials”, You and the Law – Legal Information Series, East Preston Empowerment Academy

September 30, 2017

Moderator, Valerie Jarrett’s Keynote Address, Black Business Initiative, Black Business Summit, June 2017

Moderator, Nova Scotia Provincial Election Candidate’s Forum, Preston-Dartmouth Riding, May 2017

Co-presenter, “Negotiating Preliminary Agreements, Whose Side Are You On”, the Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia Branch Mid-Winter Conference, February 2017

Panelist, Dalhousie University, Rowe School of Business – Women in Business Association, Atlantic Conference, December 2016

Presenter, Due Diligence Lunch and Learn, Stewart McKelvey, August 2016

Moderator and presenter, “You and the Law – Become Informed”, Legal Information Series, East Preston Empowerment Academy

May 28, 2016

Co-presenter, “Investigation the Deal: Effective Due Diligence”, the Canadian Bar Association Skilled Lawyer Series 2016, National Webinar, March 2016

Panelist, “Integrity, Honesty, Trust”, Trusted Partners Panel, Better Business Bureau – Trust Summit, 2015

Panelist, “Top Ten Things You Should Know Before Buying a Business”, BDC Small Business Week, Let’s Do Business Seminar

Panelist, “What Can You Do With a Law Degree”, Dalhousie University, October 2014



Moderator, BDC Small Business Week, Let's Do Business Seminar, October 2014

Keynote Address, Inspiring Change – Celebrating Black and Immigrant Women in Business, International Women's Day  
March 08, 2014

Presenter, CBA Due Diligence Conference, December 2010

Speaker, Black Business Summit, June 2010