



John Emanoilidis

PARTNER

Advising on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance transactions and other significant corporate matters across industries, John is co-head of the firm's M&A Practice and is widely recognized as one of Canada's leading corporate and securities lawyers, with deep deal acumen and strong technical skill to advance clients' business strategies.

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Vue d'ensemble

John has a broad range of experience in complex M&A, transactional, securities, private equity, regulatory, governance, activism and compliance matters. With an international range of clients, John represents domestic and foreign acquirors, private equity sponsors, targets, special committees, boards of directors and investment banks in all aspects of M&A (both public and private), including hostile takeover bids, strategic review processes, spinoffs, proxy contests, going-private transactions, private equity transactions and negotiated acquisitions.

John regularly advises companies, directors and shareholders on corporate governance, crisis management, activism, compliance and other critical situations. He also has extensive experience in corporate finance transactions, representing issuers, underwriters and investors in domestic and international debt and equity public offerings and private placements.



John Emanoilidis 'has terrific business and legal sense. He is extremely smart, very experienced and always available.' He is well versed in handling M&A and securities transactions across a number of industries.

—CHAMBERS CANADA, 2024

À la une

Création d'un chef de file bancaire canadien ayant des priorités de croissance partout au Canada

Torys a agi à titre de conseiller juridique de la Banque canadienne de l'Ouest dans le cadre de sa vente à la Banque nationale du Canada, l'une des six plus grandes banques du Canada, pour un montant de 5,3 milliards \$ CA

CN proposed combination with Kansas City Southern

Torys acted as counsel to CN Rail in its proposed US\$33.6 billion merger with Kansas City Southern to create a premier railway for the 21st century connecting ports in the United States, Canada and Mexico

Rogers and Shaw combine in C\$26 billion transaction

Torys acted as counsel to Rogers Control Trust in Rogers Communications Inc.'s C\$26 billion acquisition of Shaw Communications Inc.

[le comité spécial de Parkland Corporation dans le cadre de sa vente à Sunoco LP pour un montant de 9,1 milliards \\$US](#)

[Crestpoint and the Minto Group in the proposed C\\$2.3 billion transaction to acquire all issued and outstanding trust units of Minto Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust](#)

[La Banque Fairstone du Canada dans le cadre de son projet d'acquisition, pour un montant de 1,9 milliard \\$ CA, de toutes les actions ordinaires émises et en circulation de la Banque Laurentienne du Canada](#)

[the special committee of the Board of Maple Leaf Foods Inc. in its division into two independent publicly-traded companies, including the return of capital spin-off of its world-leading pork business, now Canada Packers Inc.](#)

[Mithaq Capital, as the largest shareholder of Aimia Inc., in connection with its proxy contest to nominate six directors for election at Aimia's annual meeting of shareholders](#)

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Distinctions

2016-2026 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in corporate/commercial (Ontario) (Band 1)

2014-2025 *Chambers Global*—Leading lawyer in corporate/M&A (Band 1)

2015-2026 *The Legal 500*—Hall of Fame in corporate and M&A

2016-2025	<i>IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms</i> —Highly regarded in M&A
2014-2026	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law, and securities law
2018-2026	<i>Lexpert's Leading 500 Cross-border Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate commercial law, corporate finance & securities, and mergers & acquisitions
2012-2026	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Most frequently recommended lawyer in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities, and corporate commercial law
2025	<i>MergerLinks</i> —Top Ten M&A Lawyer in Canada
2024-2026	Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer—Independently Rated Lawyer (as nominated by senior in-house counsel)
2026	<i>Lexology Index</i> — Client Choice Award for top M&A lawyer in Canada (Ontario)
2017-2025	<i>Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal)</i> — Thought Leader in M&A and corporate governance; recommended lawyer in capital markets
2017-2024	<i>Who's Who Legal</i> —Global leading lawyer in M&A and National leading lawyer in corporate, M&A, and capital markets
2020-2021	<i>Expert Guides</i> —Leading lawyer in mergers and acquisitions
2015-2021	<i>Lexpert's Special Law Inserts</i> appearing in <i>The Globe and Mail's Report on Business Magazine</i> —One of Canada's leading corporate finance, technology, and M&A lawyers
2018-2020	<i>Lexpert's Guide to U.S./Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in mergers & acquisitions, corporate finance & securities, and most frequently recommended lawyer in business issues
2018	Global M&A Network—Top 50: Americas M&A Dealmakers
2015-2017	Corporate LiveWire Legal Award—M&A Lawyer of the Year (Canada)
2012	<i>Lexpert's Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40</i> —One of Canada's leading lawyers under 40
2012	<i>The M&A Advisor</i> —40 Under 40 Award (only Canadian recipient in 2012)

Publications

Rising activism and board readiness

As Canada's reputation as an "activist friendly" jurisdiction continues to grow, boards need to prepare for expected and unexpected shareholder activist campaigns.

[Perspectives canadiennes en matière de fusions et acquisitions pour 2026](#)

[Fusions et acquisitions au Canada : reprise et résilience au troisième trimestre](#)

[Fusions et acquisitions dans les services financiers : tendances récentes et nouveautés](#)

[M&A outlook for 2025](#)

[Canadian poison pills in the spotlight: Bitfarms and Greenfire](#)

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Nouvelles

John Emanoilidis reçoit le prix du choix des clients de Lexology Index dans la catégorie Fusions et acquisitions

Chambers Canada nomme 81 % des associées et associés canadiens de Torys dans son guide de 2026

Nous avons le plaisir d'annoncer que 127 de nos juristes et 40 de nos domaines de pratique figurent dans le guide de cette année, dont 16 domaines classés au niveau Band 1.

La revue *The Legal 500* classe 68 avocats de Torys et 27 de ses domaines de pratique dans son guide de 2025

Sept avocats de Torys ont également été classés dans la catégorie « temple de la renommée ».

[John Emanoilidis s'exprime sur les perspectives optimistes en matière de fusions-acquisitions pour 2026 dans The Globe and Mail](#)

[La revue IFLR1000 a classé 61 avocats de Torys dans son guide des avocats chefs de file](#)

[Les fusions et acquisitions canadiennes ont connu une forte hausse au troisième trimestre, stimulées par des « opérations stratégiques »](#)

[La revue Best Lawyers nomme 176 avocats et avocates de Torys dans son guide de 2026](#)

[Le volume de fusions et acquisitions au Canada demeure stable au premier semestre de 2025](#)

Activités professionnelles

John has been elected to the American College of Governance Counsel 2021 Class of Fellows for his outstanding work in advising boards, officers and shareholders on best governance practices and helping businesses navigate major governance issues.

John is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, an Executive Fellow and Instructor at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, and has also taught as a guest lecturer at Queen's University Law School. He is a past member of the Toronto Stock Exchange Listing Advisory Committee.

John was the Editor-In-Chief of the Canadian Institute's *M&A/Corporate Financing Journal* and a Contributing Editor of Federated Press' *Corporate Financing Journal and Merger and Acquisitions Journal*. In addition, he was a co-editor of the 15th edition of the *Consolidated Bank Act and Regulations* (Carswell, 2003) and of the seventh edition of the *Consolidated Trust and Loans Companies Act and Regulations* (Carswell, 2002).

Formation et admission au barreau

Formation

LLB, 1997

Osgoode Hall Law School

BA (With High Distinction), 1994

University of Toronto

Admission au barreau

Ontario, 1999