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Across domestic and international corporate and capital markets transactions, Mike's deep deal experience, technical insights and strategic acumen guide organizations through their most significant and complex transactions.

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Overview

Mike is co-head of Torys' M&A practice and regularly leads complex transactions, both international and domestic, combining broad experience with creativity and a practical approach to solving problems and effectively closing deals.

Mike's extensive experience across corporate transactions includes mergers and acquisitions, strategic investments, securities offerings and IPOs, private equity transactions, joint ventures and royalty and streaming transactions. He also regularly advises on corporate governance and securities law matters.

With over 20 years of M&A and capital markets experience, Mike has played key roles in significant transactions involving leading companies such as CN Rail, NFI Group, Bombardier, Stelco Holdings, the Aditya Birla Group, China Investment Corp. and many of the leading domestic and international investment banks.

As a Canadian and U.S. qualified lawyer having practiced for a number of years in the firm's New York office, Mike also brings broad international experience to his practice. He is also one of the key partners involved in Torys' work with Chinese clients.

With deep industry experience in mining and metals, Michael has acted on a wide variety of matters for clients including Franco-Nevada, Inmet Mining, Pala Investments, Nevada Copper, Americas Gold & Silver, Imperial Metals, McEwen Mining, Zijin Mining, CPP Investments, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, BaseCore Metals and many of the leading domestic and international investment banks.

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He is an excellent lawyer - he has a strong knowledge of relevant legislation and the ability to parse it in an efficient manner to deliver commercial outcomes.

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Featured Work

Teck sale of interest in San Nicolás Copper-Zinc Project

Torys acted as counsel to Teck Resources in the US\$580 million sale of a 50% interest in the San Nicolás copper-zinc project in Zacatecas, Mexico, to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, including the negotiation of the 50/50 joint venture arrangements to develop the project

Pumpkin Hollow Restart Financing

Torys acted as counsel to Nevada Copper in its US\$123 million financing package in connection with the restart of its Pumpkin Hollow copper mine in Nevada, United States, including a US\$40 million equity financing, a US\$30 million stream and royalty financing, a US\$15 million senior credit facility extension, up to US\$13 million in deferrals under its senior project and working capital facilities, the consolidation of US\$76.5 million of indebtedness and US\$25 million in additional backstop support

Zijin Mining acquisition of Neo Lithium

Torys acted as counsel to Zijin Mining Group in its C\$960 million acquisition of Neo Lithium Corp.

Franco-Nevada in its US\$1.05 billion acquisition of an existing 7.5% gross margin royalty for nearly all minerals produced from IAMGOLD Corporation's Côte Gold Mine in northeastern Ontario, Canada

Scotiabank, as financial advisor to the special committee of the board of directors of Veren Inc., in its C\$15 billion business combination with Whitecap Resources Inc. to create a leading Canadian light oil and condensate producer

Franco-Nevada in the provision of US\$450 million of a comprehensive financing package made available to Discovery Silver Corp. to enable the acquisition of the Porcupine Gold Complex in northern Ontario from Newmont Corporation and to support the subsequent development of the complex, including US\$300 million through the acquisition of a 4.25% net smelter return royalty on production from the complex, a US\$100 million senior secured term loan and approximately US\$50 million through a concurrent equity financing by Discovery Silver

Etablissements Maurel & Prom, as Canadian counsel, in its proposed US\$150 million acquisition of a 40% operated working interest in the Sinu-9 gas licence in northwestern Colombia from NG Energy International Corp.

Zijin Mining in connection with a US\$825 million project financing package made available to Montage Gold Corp. for the development of the Koné gold project in Côte d'Ivoire, of which Zijin Mining provided a US\$75 million gold stream and agreed to provide a US\$50 million senior secured loan facility

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Recognition and Awards

2016-2024	<i>Chambers Global</i> —Leading lawyer in mining: international and cross-border
2022-2025	<i>The Legal 500</i> —Leading partner in corporate and M&A, and energy and natural resources: mining
2022-2023	<i>IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms</i> —Highly regarded in M&A
2022-2025	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate law and mining law
2015-2025	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate finance and securities, mining, mergers and acquisitions
2024	<i>Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in mining
2015-2023	<i>Who's Who Legal</i> —Global and National leading lawyer in mining
2009	<i>Lexpert's Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40</i> —One of Canada's leading lawyers under 40

Insights

FDI update: new policies for foreign investments in Canadian critical minerals businesses and ICA amendments

New developments in policy, legislation and transaction review point to an overall tougher stance from the Canadian government when it comes to investment in the country's critical minerals sector.

[Trump tariffs and foreign policy: a crossroads for critical minerals supply chains](#)

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Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LLB, 1996

Queen's University

BComm, 1993

University of Toronto

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1998

New York, 2002