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PARTNER

With a wealth of cross-border experience and a long history of working with international organizations on their deal activity across industries, Don gives sophisticated advice to clients undertaking large and complex transactions.

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Overview

Don's practice focuses on commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures, and ongoing general business law advice to corporations and financial institutions carrying on business in North America. Don is fluent in Japanese and worked for a Japanese electronics manufacturer and a business consulting company for several years, which is reflected in the practical and service-oriented business counsel he provides.

Don's experience includes advising on a wide variety of matters, including inbound foreign investment, business mergers, acquisitions and sales, commercial lending and project finance. He has particular experience advising on: natural resource projects, including mining and pulp and paper; energy projects, including natural gas, wind, solar, biomass and coal; and private utility projects, including water and wastewater, as well as district energy and electrical distribution. In addition, Don advises clients on manufacturing and distribution, transportation and social infrastructure projects, limited partnerships, joint ventures and general corporate counsel.



He impresses with his depth of knowledge, professionalism, responsiveness, speed and the quality of his work product.

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Featured Work

Morrison & Co acquisition of leading digital infrastructure provider

Torys acted as counsel to Morrison & Co, a global infrastructure investment firm, as part of a consortium also including Australian Retirement Trust and a managed client of UBS Asset Management, in the acquisition of FiberLight, LLC, a leading fiber infrastructure provider, from The Thermo Companies

Kyoei Steel acquisition of AltaSteel

Torys acted as counsel to Kyoei Steel in its acquisition of AltaSteel Inc., a Canadian manufacturer of prime quality steel products from recycled scrap steel

JFE Shoji acquires Cogent Power

Torys acted as counsel to JFE Shoji in its acquisition of Cogent Power Inc. from Tata Steel Limited

MC Machinery Systems in its acquisition of Ferro Technique Ltd., a leading Canadian multi-line distributor of machine tools

Mitsubishi Materials in the sale of its 25% interest in Copper Mountain Mine (BC) Ltd., owner of the Copper Mountain mine in southern British Columbia, to Hudbay Minerals Inc.

Dowa Metals & Mining Co. in its negotiations with Gatos Silver, Inc. to amend the joint venture for the Los Gatos silver-zinc-copper-lead project in Chihuahua, Mexico, including strengthening Dowa's offtake rights and expanding Gatos Silver's management rights

Dowa Metals & Mining Alaska in the sale of its interest in Constantine Mining LLC, holder of the Palmer VMS Project in southeast Alaska, to American Pacific Mining Corp.

Dowa Metals & Mining and Furukawa in the joint sale of their 12.5% interest in the Gibraltar Mine in southcentral British Columbia to Taseko Mines Limited

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Recognition and Awards

2012-2026 *Chambers Global*—Leading lawyer in corporate/M&A in Canada and Japan

2017-2025 *IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms*—Notable practitioner in project finance and M&A

2025 *The Legal 500*—Leading partner in international expertise

2022-2023	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in mergers and acquisitions law
2006-2026	AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell—Recommended lawyer in International Business Law
2019	<i>American Lawyer Magazine</i> —Top Rated Lawyer
2016-2018	<i>Chambers Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate/commercial
2018, 2024	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Repeatedly recommended in corporate mid-market

Insights

U.S. M&A outlook and the 2024 election

So far, 2024 has shown signs of recovery for dealmaking, but will it hold in the face of the upcoming election?

[Incorporating subsidiaries in Canada and the U.S.: key considerations](#)

[M&A Law Essentials: What Businesses Need to Know, Queen's Law](#)

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Professional Involvement

Before joining Torys, Don was a member of a prominent Canadian law firm, where he was a member of the firm's elected national Executive Committee and a founding partner in the firm's Tokyo office.

Don provides advice to a number of not-for-profit organizations, including Cadence Progressive Contemporary Ballet. He served as a Director of the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre (2001-2005) and he currently serves as President of the Bayside Residents Association for the Bayside Historic District in Miami, Florida.

Don is a member of The Toronto Japanese Association of Commerce and Industry and the Japan Societies of Toronto and New York.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LLB, 1993

University of British Columbia

BA, 1988

University of Saskatchewan

Comparative Culture, Political Studies, 1987

Sophia University Tokyo, Japan

Bar Admissions

British Columbia, 1994

New York, 1994

Ontario, 2006