



# Michele Clarkin (Cousens)

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

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## Overview

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Michele's practice focuses on corporate law with an emphasis on private fund transactions.

She regularly represents sponsors as well as institutional investors (including fund of funds and pension plans) in connection with the formation of and investment in various funds, including private equity, infrastructure, real estate, credit and venture capital funds. She also regularly advises with respect to co-investment transactions- including relative to the formation of and investment in co-investment vehicles.

She also has experience in private M&A transactions and securities law matters as well.

## Featured Work

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Brookfield Business Partners in its US\$837 million equity offering, including a US\$387 million cross-border public offering of limited partnership units, a US\$200 million private placement of limited partnership units to OMERS and a US\$250 million private placement of units in its holding limited partnership to Brookfield Asset Management and certain other related entities

BrainsWay, an Israeli medical device company, in its US\$30 million initial public offering of shares in the United States and listing on the NASDAQ

Fairfax Financial in its C\$436 million acquisition of AGT Food and Ingredients Inc.

Clairvest in its acquisition of Meriplex Communications Ltd., a managed solutions provider specializing in delivering intelligent network solutions, cloud enablement and managed services for mid-enterprise market

BGIS in its acquisition of Critical Solutions Group and Critical Power Testing and Maintenance, specialists in data center commissioning, design support, consulting and load bank services

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# Insights

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[Co-investing in a retail age: allocation, economics and alignment](#)

[U.S. law will widen constraints on outbound investments](#)

[Co-investment trends in 2025: continuation vehicles, warehousing costs and fees](#)

[Four recent trends in U.S. private funds](#)

[First-time Funds Series – Video #10: Securities Law Considerations](#)

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# News

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[Co-investors taking different approaches to continuation funds](#)

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# Professional Involvement

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During law school, Michele was a Case Manager at the Western Business Law Clinic and volunteered with Pro Bono Students Canada and Lawyers Feed the Hungry. She was recognized on the Dean's Honor List from 2011-2013 and received the Davies LLP Overall Performance Award, the McMillan LLP Award for Property Law and the Michael C. McInerney Award for Property Law.

While articling, Michele volunteered with the Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS) program, a high school program that uses legal education as a tool to assist students to succeed in school and become engaged and active citizens.

# Education and Bar Admissions

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## Education

JD (with distinction), 2013

University of Western Ontario

MA, 2010

York University

BA (Honours), 2009

University of Western Ontario

## Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2014

New York, 2022