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David advises on complex corporate and securities transactions in Canada, providing strategic advice on business-critical mandates for clients across a broad range of industries.

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Overview

David's practice focuses on corporate/commercial and securities law, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and corporate finance. He has acted for acquiring and target companies, boards of directors, family enterprises and controlling shareholders in both negotiated and contested transactions. David regularly advises companies, directors, shareholders and family enterprises on corporate governance, crisis management, compliance and other critical situations. He also has extensive experience acting for both issuers and investment banks in a variety of public offerings of debt and equity.

David provides ongoing advice to public companies on their disclosure, corporate governance and other corporate and securities law obligations, as well as assistance in preparing and negotiating commercial contracts and board/governance and HR-related policies and plans.

David advises key players in a wide variety of Canadian industries, including financials, information providers, retail, infrastructure, energy, manufacturing, mining and metals, and government and regulatory bodies. David has played a lead role in acting for a number of Canada's largest companies on both key strategic transactions and day-to-day matters, including the Weston group of public companies (Loblaw, George Weston and Choice Properties), Brookfield, Thomson Reuters and Sun Life Financial.

Featured Work

Thomson Reuters return of up to US\$1.205 billion to shareholders

Torys is acting as counsel to Thomson Reuters in its proposed US\$1.205 billion return to shareholders, including a US\$605 million return of capital and reverse-stock-split transaction and a new share repurchase program for up to US\$600 million shares

US\$9.1 billion sale of Parkland

Torys acted as counsel to the special committee of Parkland Corporation in its US\$9.1 billion sale to Sunoco LP

Anglo American US\$57 billion merger of equals with Teck

Torys is acting as counsel to Anglo American in its proposed merger of equals with Teck Resources to create a US\$57 billion global critical minerals champion and one of the top five global copper producers in the world

[Brookfield Corporation in its division into two publicly-traded companies, including cross-listings on both the TSX and NYSE and the distribution of a 25% interest in its asset management business to create a leading pure-play global alternative asset management business](#)

[Mithaq Capital in its proposed C\\$308 million takeover bid to acquire the remaining 69% stake in Aimia not already owned by Mithaq](#)

[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](#)

[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.](#)

[Sun Life in its C\\$365 million acquisition of Dialogue Health Technologies Inc., Canada's premier health and wellness virtual care platform](#)

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2026

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory— Lawyer to watch in corporate finance and securities

Insights

Heightened investor expectations and influence: key governance matters in Canada and the U.S. for 2024

Investor influence has become amplified, playing a significant role in issuers' voluntary adoption of governance practices that extend beyond regulatory requirements.

[CAASA Family Office Summit 2026](#)

[Climate disclosure at a crossroads: 2025 climate disclosure report](#)

[CSA's climate disclosure rule on hold: an update on climate disclosure in Canada and the U.S.](#)

[Securities law trends to watch in 2025](#)

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Professional Involvement

David is actively involved in the firm's student and associate mentorship, training and recruitment programs.

David is a member of Start Proud (formerly Out on Bay Street), an organization with the goal of facilitating the professional development of LGBTQA+ students as they transition from school to career. David has acted as a professional mentor to LGBTQA+ students through the Start Proud mentorship program and has presented at a number of Start Proud career seminars on topics and issues pertinent to the LGBTQA+ community.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD (Honours), 2011

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

BScH, 2008

Queen's University

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2012