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PARTNER

From structuring to fund formation and investments, Shannon has broad experience working closely with fund sponsors and institutional investors on their fund activities across diverse funds and geographies.

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Overview

With a focus on private equity, Shannon represents fund sponsors on all aspects of the fund formation and capital raising process, as well as public pension plans and other institutional investors in connection with their investments in private investment funds. Co-head of Torys' Private Equity Funds practice, Shannon's broad experience extends to private equity funds, fund-of-funds, hedge funds and venture capital funds.



Shannon is an excellent lawyer and is very highly skilled. She is hands-down the best client relationship manager I have ever worked with.

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Featured Work

Investors that Shannon regularly represents include: Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Bank of Montreal Pension Fund Society, Canada Growth Fund, CPP Investments, Investment Management Corporation of Ontario, Kensington Capital Partners, Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement System, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, OPSEU Pension Trust, Northleaf Capital Partners, Public Sector Pension Investment Board, TD Bank, University Pension Plan as well as other pension fund and sovereign wealth clients in connection with their investments in private equity, venture capital, credit, infrastructure and hedge funds.

Shannon has also worked with Sagard Holdings, Northleaf Capital Partners, Dawson Partners (formerly Whitehorse Liquidity Partners), Imperial Capital, BentallGreenOak, OMERS Ventures as well as other fund sponsors to establish

and raise capital for their special purpose vehicles and private investment funds.

Alphi Capital in the organization, formation and fund-raising activities for Alphi Capital I, LP, its inaugural lower middle market buyout fund

Northleaf Capital Partners in the organization, fund formation and fund-raising activities for Northleaf Growth Fund, its first direct growth equity fund investing in growth-stage companies in Canada and the United States

Northleaf Capital Partners in connection with the organization, fund formation, and fund-raising activities for Northleaf Private Equity Fund VIII (NPE VIII), its eighth global private equity fund focused on investing in mid-market private equity opportunities

Dawson Partners (formerly Whitehorse Liquidity Partners) in connection with the formation and syndication of multiple Dawson vehicles

Dawson Partners (formerly Whitehorse Liquidity Partners) in connection with a portfolio sale of multiple LP interests

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Recognition and Awards

2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*— Leading lawyer in Leveraged buyouts and private equity law law

2018-2026 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in investment funds and investment funds: fund formation

2025-2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Lawyer of the Year for Private Funds Law

2023-2024, 2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in private funds law and corporate law

2018-2023 *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*—Leading lawyer in private equity and investment funds

Insights

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Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2006

BA, 2003

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

McMaster University

Bar Admissions

