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An experienced private equity and M&A lawyer, Michael Horwitz brings robust transactional experience across diverse industries, regularly advising public and private corporations and global investors on their domestic and cross-border deal activity.

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Overview

Michael regularly advises public corporations, private equity funds, pension and sovereign wealth funds and investment banks on a wide range of matters, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, joint ventures, capital markets and corporate governance matters. He supports clients with their most significant transactions across multiple industries, including financial services, telecommunications, investment management, infrastructure, energy, mining, commodities, consumer goods, real estate, insurance, defense and information technology.

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US\$10.9 billion buyout of a leading asset manager

Torys acted as counsel to Fairfax Financial, as part of a consortium including Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd., certain affiliates of the Washington Family, and David Sokol, in the US\$10.9 billion acquisition of all outstanding shares of Atlas Corp., a leading global asset management company focused on infrastructure assets in the maritime and energy sectors

US\$2.7 billion sale of Resolute to Domtar Corporation

Torys acted as counsel to Fairfax Financial as a significant shareholder in Resolute Forest Products Inc.'s US\$2.7 billion sale to Domtar Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Paper Excellence Group

US\$2.7 billion investment in the largest privately owned self-storage company in the world

Torys acted as counsel to a global institutional investor in a US\$2.7 billion investment with Cascade Investment, L.L.C. and other investors in StorageMart, the largest privately owned self-storage company in the world

Fengate in its investment in eMAX Health, a leading provider of independent research to pharmaceutical companies and innovative pharmaceutical distribution support

[Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan \(HOOPP\) as one of the lead investors in a US\\$650 million preferred equity financing by Pine Gate Renewables, LLC, a U.S.-based developer, owner, and operator of clean energy projects across the United States](#)

[TMX Group in its acquisition of Wall Street Horizon, Inc., a leading provider of global corporate event data](#)

[CPP Investments in its acquisition of an additional 33% ownership interest in the Bullring Shopping Centre in Birmingham, one of the largest shopping centers in the United Kingdom](#)

[Greenbrook TMS, a TSX/Nasdaq-listed leading provider of TMS therapy in the United States, in its 100% stock-for-stock acquisition of Check Five LLC \(doing business as Success TMS\), one of the largest and fastest-growing providers of TMS therapy in the United States](#)

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IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Notable practitioner in M&A (investment management)

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Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD (*cum laude*)

Harvard Law School

BA (*cum laude*)

Yale College

Bar Admissions

New York, 2004