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Overview

Geoff practices corporate law, with a focus on private equity and fund formation, particularly representing private equity clients in Western Canada. He has experience representing institutional investors in connection with their investments in private equity, venture capital, secondary, and co-investment transactions.

Geoff has acted for a number of institutional investors in connection with their investments in private investment funds, including: Plannera Pensions & Benefits, Alberta Enterprise Corporation, BMO, CPP Investments, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, Northleaf Capital Partners, HarbourVest Partners, BDC, EDC and Teralys. Geoff also frequently works with private equity and venture capital sponsors, including Maverix Private Equity, SeaFort Capital, District Ventures Capital, and Northleaf Capital Partners to establish and raise capital for their private equity funds.

Featured Work

Yaletown Partners in the organization, fund formation and fund-raising activities for Yaletown Innovation Growth Fund III

SeaFort Capital Fund II, a Canadian growth-focused buyout fund managed by SeaFort Capital Inc., in its organization, formation and fund-raising activities, including securing C\$110 million in initial commitments from prominent Canadian institutional and other sophisticated investors

CPPIB Credit Investments in connection with Maverick Aviation Partnership LP's US\$4.28 billion (€3.8 billion) acquisition of AMCK Aviation, the aircraft leasing operations of CK Asset Holdings Ltd., alongside Carlyle Aviation Partners Ltd.

Maverix Private Equity in the organization, fund formation and fund-raising activities for Maverix Growth Equity Fund I, L.P., its inaugural private equity fund focused on technology-enabled growth and disruption

TorQuest Partners in its acquisition of McKeil Marine Limited, a provider of marine transportation and project services support for the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence Seaway, Eastern Seaboard, and Canadian Arctic

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Torys is excited to announce the promotion of seven of our lawyers to partner and four of our lawyers to counsel.

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Professional Involvement

Prior to joining Torys, Geoff worked as a summer law student for ACS Infrastructure Canada.

Geoff has 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.

During law school, Geoff was a volunteer case worker for Queen's Legal Aid. He was also awarded the Queen's Law Prize in Advanced Corporate Law and the Rueben Wells Leonard Prize in Wills and Estate Planning.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2014

Queen's University

BA (With Distinction, History), 2009

McGill University

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2015

Alberta, 2021