



# Karrin Powys-Lybbe

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Karrin advises on some of the most sophisticated and high-profile M&A and securities transactions in Canada. With a rigorous, creative and practical approach, Karrin builds lasting relationships with her clients, guiding them through their long-term objectives and strategies.

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## Overview

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Karrin is co-head of the firm's M&A practice with a broad practice supporting clients across mergers and acquisitions, securities law, corporate finance and corporate governance. She is a long-time trusted advisor to many clients, including companies in the Brookfield group.

Karrin is the former managing partner of Torys' New York office and a former member of Torys' Executive Committee.



Karrin Powys-Lybbe has a deep understanding of the legal areas in which she practises, excellent judgement and a relentless focus on client service.

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## Featured Work

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### Brookfield Infrastructure acquisition of world's largest lessor of intermodal freight containers

Torys is acting as counsel to Brookfield Infrastructure Corporation in its US\$4.7 billion acquisition of Triton International Limited, the world's largest lessor of intermodal freight containers

## Canada Life acquisition of Investment Planning Counsel

Torys acted as counsel to Canada Life Assurance in its C\$575 million acquisition of Investment Planning Counsel Inc. from IGM Financial Inc.

## Brookfield spinoff of Brookfield Asset Management

Torys acted as counsel to 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

Brookfield Renewable in the reorganization of the capital structure of Brookfield Renewable Corporation

Brookfield Infrastructure in the reorganization of the capital structure of Brookfield Infrastructure Corporation

Brookfield Asset Management and Brookfield Corporation in Brookfield Reinsurance Ltd.'s US\$4.3 billion acquisition of American Equity Investment Life Holding Company

Brookfield in its US\$700 million cross-border public offering of 6.350% senior notes

Brookfield Infrastructure in its C\$700 million public offering of medium term notes, including C\$500 million of 5.71% notes, Series 13 and C\$200 million of 5.95% notes, Series 14

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## Recognition and Awards

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2020-2025	<i>Chambers Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate/commercial (Ontario)
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2013-2015, 2022-2024	<i>Chambers Global</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate/M&A
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2021-2025	<i>The Legal 500</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate and M&A
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2008-2023	<i>IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms</i> —Market leader in capital markets: equity, private equity and M&A
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2020-2023	<i>IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms</i> —Women leader in capital markets: equity, private equity and M&A
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2006-2025	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate law, and mergers and acquisitions law
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2020-2024	<i>Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate finance & securities and corporate commercial law
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2011-2023	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in corporate finance and securities, corporate commercial law, and mergers and acquisitions
2014-2023	<i>Who's Who Legal</i> —Global and National leading lawyer in capital markets
2014	Expert Guides' <i>Women in Business Law</i> —Leading lawyer in capital markets

## Insights

### M&A risk outlook for 2024

Our state of play for M&A in the year ahead covers dealmaking hot spots for 2024, the current debt financing environment, as well as areas of risk.

[M&A outlook for 2025](#)

[2024 buyer considerations for cross-border M&A](#)

[Transaction trends: banks and credit unions](#)

[Readiness for unsolicited M&A and activism: key considerations for public companies](#)

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## News

### 81% of Torys' Canadian partners ranked by *Chambers Canada*

We are pleased to share that 130 Torys partners and 38 of our practice areas have been recognized in this year's guide, including 15 Band 1 rankings.

### IFLR1000 names three Torys lawyers in the 2022 Women Leaders list

Congratulations to Torys partners Amanda Balasubramanian, Karrin Powys-Lybbe and Rima Ramchandani.

[IFLR1000 recognizes 61 Torys lawyers as leaders in their fields](#)

[What a new Trump administration could mean for Canadian businesses](#)

[Karrin Powys-Lybbe named a Fellow in The American College of Governance Counsel](#)

[179 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2025 Best Lawyers guide](#)

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## Professional Involvement

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Karrin is a member of the editorial board of the *Canadian Lawyer* magazine. She is a former member of the board of the Soulpepper Theatre Company.

## Education and Bar Admissions

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### Education

LLB, 1994

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

BA (Economics), 1991

University of Alberta

### Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1996