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PARTNER

A leading technology lawyer, Joel has extensive and nuanced knowledge in tech outsourcing, fintech, cloud computing and payment cards and systems. Joel works closely with financial institutions and leading businesses, advising on complex and innovative transactions, data governance practices and other tech-related initiatives.

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Overview

As co-head of Torys' Technology Contracting Practice, Joel advises clients in Canada and the United States on strategic commercial transactions involving technology development and procurement, outsourcing, payment systems, fintech, blockchain, cloud computing, digital and e-commerce solutions, data distribution, privacy compliance and breach response.

Joel's clients include technology service providers, retailers, pension funds, financial institutions, government agencies and companies in the asset management, energy and securities sectors.

Joel also co-heads Torys' Data Governance and Strategy Group and regularly counsels clients on critical data-related issues, opportunities and best practices, including data protection, management, development and commercialization.

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Joel has the highest level of knowledge, expertise and experience, and absolutely outstanding customer service. He is outstanding in all respects and extremely personable, making doing business with Joel an absolute pleasure.

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Recognition and Awards

2016-2027	<i>Chambers Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in information technology
2015-2024	<i>Chambers Global</i> —Leading lawyer in information technology
2012-2026	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in information technology law, and privacy and data security law
2017-2026	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in information technology and technology transactions
2019-2023	<i>Who's Who Legal</i> — Global and National leading lawyer in data and information technology
2013	<i>Lexpert's Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40</i> —One of Canada's leading lawyers under 40

Insights

Why good data governance makes for good corporate governance

Companies looking to maximize the value of their digital assets—and minimize risks—must deploy an agile data management strategy.

[Managing AI risk in third-party arrangements under B-10](#)

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Professional Involvement

Joel is a member of the Canadian Technology Law Association.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2003

Fordham University School of Law

BA, 1998

University of Oregon

Bar Admissions

New York, 2004

Ontario, 2007