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Overview

Brett's practice focuses on corporate and securities law, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions and capital markets transactions. He advises public companies, boards, special committees and senior management on strategic transactions, governance matters and other critical situations, including activism defense.

Brett has experience advising acquirors, sponsors, major shareholders and financial advisors on acquisitions, divestitures and other strategic matters. He also represents both issuers and investment banks in a variety of public offerings and private placements of debt and equity and regularly advises public company clients on ongoing corporate governance, stock exchange and securities law matters.

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Crestpoint and the Minto Group in the C\$2.3 billion transaction to acquire all issued and outstanding trust units of Minto Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust

Kirin Holdings Company in its proposed C\$2.5 billion acquisition of Jamieson Wellness Inc., the manufacturer and marketer of Canada's leading brand of vitamins, minerals and supplements

Sun Life, as Canadian counsel, in its US\$350 million acquisition of Bell Partners Inc., a leading U.S. multifamily real estate manager

the special committee of Guardian Capital Group Limited in its C\$1.67 billion sale to Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc., an affiliate of Desjardins Group

First National Financial in its C\$2.2 billion sale to a new acquisition vehicle controlled by Birch Hill Equity Partners Management Inc. and Brookfield Asset Management Ltd.

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Education

JD, 2014

BA (Honours, Political Science), 2010

Osgoode Hall Law School

University of Toronto

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2015