

Zehra Sheerazi

PARTNER

Zehra has deep technical skill, strong cross-border experience, and a creative approach to transactions which help clients realize their goals in their private equity and M&A dealmaking.

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Overview

Zehra focuses on corporate and securities law with an emphasis on private equity and M&A. She plays a key role in advising and working with public and private companies, financial institutions and pension funds, including TorQuest Partners, Imperial Capital, TMX Group, the Brookfield Group, the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and CPP Investments. Zehra advises clients in all aspects of investing and divestiture transactions, including asset and stock transactions, co-investments, shareholders arrangements, joint ventures, majority and minority equity investments and restructurings.

Zehra has experience working closely with clients through every stage in their development, from initial investments onward, including on complex matters like capital markets and M&A transactions and ongoing corporate, securities, compliance and governance work.

She also has significant cross-border experience, including having previously worked in Torys' New York office on clients' U.S. capital markets transactions and governance matters.

Featured Work

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.

Birch Hill in its acquisition of Rexall Pharmacy Group ULC, a Canadian pharmacy and drugstore chain, and Well.ca, an e-commerce retailer specializing in health and wellness products, from McKesson Corporation

Med Learning Group in its acquisition of Throughline Strategy Inc., an applied insights and strategy consulting firm for organizations in the healthcare ecosystem

a private equity firm in its acquisition of an international research organization in the health sciences space

Med Learning Group in its acquisition of Impetus Healthcare Inc., a provider of virtual collaboration experiences for life sciences companies

Med Learning Group in its acquisition of MEDUCOM Health Inc., a full-service integrated healthcare communications agency

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Recognition and Awards

2022-2023	IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Rising star in private equity and M&A
2023	Lexpert's <i>Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40</i> —One of Canada's leading lawyers under 40
2023	The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Lawyer to watch in private equity

Insights

PE Pulse 2023

Find out what's in store for private equity with our fourth annual survey of private equity and pension fund players.

Outlook for US-Canada M&A and Private Equity

Private investment in infrastructure: trends and developments

PE Pulse 2025

PE Pulse 2021: where is private equity headed?

U of T Faculty of Law's Leadership by Design Meeting

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News

Danielle Kline, Sarah Whitmore and Zehra Sheerazi named 2023 Lexpert Rising Stars

This award is a well-deserved reflection of our lawyers' reputation for excellence as well as their contributions to furthering female leadership within the legal profession.

Torys announces new Partners and Counsel

Torys is excited to announce the promotion of six of our lawyers to Partner and three of our lawyers to Counsel.

IFLR1000 recognizes 61 Torys lawyers as leaders in their fields

Torys recognized as Tier 1 in eight practice areas by IFLR1000

Torys once again recognized in IFLR1000's 2022 Leading Lawyers guide

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Professional Involvement

Zehra is a board member and member of the Governance Committee of the Whitney Child Centre, a not-for-profit child education centre. She is also a board member and/or committee member on various not-for-profit organization boards such as Girl Guides of Canada, Addus (an organization providing support for young adults with developmental disabilities) and the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario. In the past, for two consecutive years, she was also a mentor for high school students enrolled in the LAWS program and is presently a mentor for junior lawyers through the MAX-CMLA program.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2010

Osgoode Hall Law School

BComm (With Distinction), 2007

Queen's University

Bar Admissions