



Thomas H. Yeo

PARTNER

Thomas Yeo advises leading organizations on some of their most complex legal matters. He brings experienced corporate, securities and M&A counsel combined with significant public-sector experience to help clients execute their most important transactions.

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Overview

Thomas has a broad corporate practice, advising on matters ranging from corporate governance, procurement, securities law and M&A transactions. He has represented both acquirers and targets in a variety of public and private company M&A transactions, including a number of significant cross-border transactions, and issuers and investment banks in a wide range of domestic and international public offerings. He also works closely with federal and provincial Crown corporations and agencies on a variety of governance, corporate/commercial and procurement matters. Head of Torys' Procurement group, Thomas advises both procuring entities and bidders on all aspects of the procurement process.

Thomas also supports clients as a member of the firm's research and opinions group, providing assessments of legal risk and solutions to avoid or mitigate those risks in any area of business—addressing contract and statutory interpretation in situations where the contract or the law is unclear or is difficult to apply.

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Thomas Yeo is very friendly and easy to work with, and is one who can distill a complex issue into an understandable set of terms. His drafting skills are exceptional.

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Featured Work

Sale of Torstar

Torys acted as counsel to Fairfax Financial, the largest independent shareholder in Torstar Corporation, in the sale of its holdings in Torstar to NordStar Capital LP

Development of the Large Employer Emergency Funding Facility (LEEFF)

Torys acted as counsel to Canada Development Investment Corporation and its subsidiary Canada Enterprise Emergency Funding Corporation (CEEFC) in the development of the Large Employer Emergency Funding Facility (LEEFF) in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic

National Shipbuilding Strategy

Torys acted as counsel to Government of Canada, as the public authority, in its National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS), a long-term project to renew Canada's federal fleet of combat and non-combat vessels and Canada's largest procurement initiative to date

Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) in its amalgamation with the Mutual Fund Dealers Association to create a new national self-regulatory organization

Fairfax Financial, as the sole shareholder in Dexterra Integrated Facilities Management, in its sale of Dexterra to Horizon North Logistics Inc. in exchange for common shares of Horizon North representing a 49% ownership interest

a provincial government agency in advice on the scope of its statutory powers and policy making authority

Fairfax Financial in its US\$4.9 billion acquisition of Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG

Fairfax Financial in connection with amendments to the terms governing its multiple voting shares

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2023-2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in corporate governance practice

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How can private sector proponents navigate the government decision-making process? Tom Yeo and Phil Symmonds—who co-head Torys' Procurement group—offer tips.

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Professional Involvement

Thomas has experience serving as a member of the Ontario Securities Commission's Securities Advisory Committee. He also co-chaired and spoke at the Canadian Institute's Annual Conference on Crown Corporate Governance from 2021 to 2023. He is currently serving on the board of directors of the Golf Association of Ontario and chairs its Governance

Committee.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LLB, 1999

BComm (Honours, Gold Medalist), 1995

Osgoode Hall Law School

University of Ottawa

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2001