



Tom Zverina

PARTNER

With a broad background in debt financing, Tom's significant experience in lending and financing matters is backed by a pragmatic approach that helps clients successfully execute high-stakes projects and complex domestic and international transactions.

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Overview

Tom's diverse practice covers a wide range of debt financing work, including the financing of M&A transactions; wind, solar and hydro project financing; asset-backed loans; public and private debt securities; railcar financing; equipment leasing; reinsurance security arrangements; and derivatives products.

Tom is also regularly involved in creating and implementing innovative and unique tax-driven structured debt transactions, bringing deep market understanding and insight to his work.



He is a terrific lawyer who is always helpful and easy to deal with.

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Featured Work

Acquisition financing for the Mercedes Mine in Mexico

Torys acted as counsel to Orion Mine Finance in its US\$122.5 million acquisition financing arrangement with Premier Gold Mines Limited to fund Premier's acquisition of Yamana Gold Inc.'s Mercedes Mine in Mexico, including a US\$42.2 million gold prepay credit facility, a US\$11.5 million silver stream, a US\$35 million private placement of common shares, an amended gold offtake arrangement and an increase in Premier's existing credit facility with Orion from US\$15 million to US\$45 million

First cross-border bond issuance by a First Nation in Canada

Torys acted as counsel to River Cree and The Enoch Cree Nation in River Cree's C\$200 million cross-border private placement of 11% senior secured notes, the first cross-border bond issue by a First Nation in Canada

BlackBerry US\$525 million revolving credit facility

Torys acted as counsel to BlackBerry in its US\$525 million revolving credit facility as part of its strategic alternative review and proposed US\$4.7 billion sale

Orion Mine Finance in the US\$520 million project financing made available to Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. to fund the development of the Goose Mine in Nunavut, Canada, including a US\$225 million senior secured debt facility, US\$75 million gold prepay facility, US\$125 million gold stream arrangement and US\$95 million private placement of common shares

Orion Mine Finance as joint venture partner in connection with the project financing and positive construction decision for the Greenstone Project in northern Ontario

Orion Mine Finance in connection with a multi-faceted project financing package made available to SVRE Holdings Ltd. to fund the development and construction of the Mineração Serra Verde Rare Earth Project in Goiás, Brazil

TorQuest Partners in its C\$210.6 million revolving and term loan facilities in connection with its acquisition of WSB Titan

Orion Mine Finance in its US\$65 million investment in Red Eagle Mining Corporation, including an equity private placement, secured construction financing and gold production payment agreement

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Recognition and Awards

2016-2026 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in banking and finance

2018-2024 *Chambers Global*—Leading lawyer in banking and finance

2020-2026 *The Legal 500*—Leading partner in banking and finance

2011-2023 *IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms*—Highly regarded in banking

2013-2027 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in banking and finance law

2013-2026 *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*—Leading lawyer in banking and financial institutions and project finance

2016-2022	<i>Who's Who Legal</i> — Global Elite Thought Leader in banking (a recognition given to fewer than 5% of all lawyers ranked by <i>Who's Who Legal</i>) Global and National leading lawyer in banking
2019-2024	Lexpert/American Lawyer's <i>Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in banking & financial institutions
2011	Lexpert's <i>Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40</i> —One of Canada's leading lawyers under 40

Insights

[Developments in private credit: key takeaways from recent conferences](#)

[New National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

[An update on acquisition financing from both sides of the border](#)

[Lender disclosure obligations confirmed](#)

["Court Sheds Light on Prioritizing Insolvency Claims" – *National Creditor Debtor Review*](#)

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83% of Torys' Canadian partners are recognized in *Chambers Canada 2027*

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[64 Torys lawyers ranked in the 2025 IFLR1000 Leading Lawyers guide](#)

[Chambers Canada ranks 81% of Torys' Canadian partners in its 2026 guide](#)

[176 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2026 Best Lawyers guide](#)

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

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Professional Involvement

Tom frequently acts on a pro bono basis for amateur athletes.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LLB, 1999

Queen's University

BA, 1994

Simon Fraser University

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2001