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education and year of call

- Called to the Québec bar - 2011
- Called to the Ontario bar - 2006
- Osgoode Hall Law School, Canadian Securities Law and Practice Intensive Course - 2014
- Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, Ph.D. research - 2007-2011
- McGill University, LL.M. - 2007
- University of British Columbia, LL.B. - 2005
- McGill University, B.Sc. (Computer Science & Business) - 2002

practice areas

CASL - spam and other electronic threats
cybersecurity
fintech
intellectual property
licensing
mergers and acquisitions
privacy and data protection
private equity
technology
venture capital

industries

applied technology
biotechnology
cleantech
information technology
private equity - buyouts & venture capital investment
telecommunications
venture capital

profile

Rish practices in McMillan's Business Law Group and its Privacy & Data Protection Group. He is experienced in corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate finance, and has specialized in technology, privacy, data protection, and intellectual property law.

Rish's technology and privacy practice primarily involves advising clients regarding intellectual property licensing arrangements, commercialization and funding arrangements, privacy, cybersecurity, anti-spam compliance, and patent/copyright matters. He has a background in computer science and is well-versed in technological concepts.

Rish's corporate/commercial practice primarily involves large and mid-cap transactions (acquisitions and divestitures), structuring shareholder arrangements, financings, as well as cross-border transactions with U.S. parties. He also advises on a variety of day-to-day commercial matters, including sales and distribution arrangements, and service agreements.

He provides counsel to technology firms, public and private entities, as well as start-ups and emerging companies. Rish has represented corporations in various industries, including information technology, video games, smartphones, energy & natural resources, and defense.

Before joining McMillan, Rish worked at a national Canadian law firm in business and information technology law.

directorships and professional associations

- Board member, Young Alumni Board, Faculty of Law, McGill

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University

- UBC Alumni Executive Committee (Montreal Section)
- Co-founder of the Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property (QMJIP)

awards and rankings

- Awarded School of Law Studentship (full scholarship), Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, University of London (UK), 2007-2010

publications

March 2020

Bill C-4 Receives Royal Assent: Incoming Changes to the Intellectual Property Landscape
Intellectual Property and International Trade Bulletin

December 2019

Law & AI
Ivey Business Journal

November 2019

Canada's New Internet Code
Telecommunications Bulletin