



## Paul J. Avis

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### education and year of call

- Called to the Ontario bar - 1981
- Osgoode Hall Law School, LLB - 1979

### practice areas

financial services

### industries

banking, finance and insurance

### profile

Paul is a senior partner and Co-Chair of the Financial Services Group.

Paul has extensive experience in banking, finance, debt restructuring and real estate. He routinely counsels and represents Canadian and foreign financial institutions on the structuring and implementation of domestic and international financing transactions. Paul's work experience encompasses all areas of debt financing, including syndicated loans, asset based lending, real estate project and portfolio financing, receivables financing, subordinated debt and mezzanine loans and debtor in possession financing. Paul advises and acts for financial institutions in the development and maintenance of standard loan and security documentation. His practice also includes acting on loan portfolio acquisitions and divestitures for institutional and other clients.

### directorships and professional associations

- Canadian Bar Association

### representative matters

- Leading a \$425 mm senior syndicated loan facility to a public real estate investment trust in conjunction with a concurrent \$200,000,00 private placement of debentures and warrants
- Leading a \$310 mm senior syndicated insured construction loan financing to a condominium hotel project
- Leading a \$400 mm senior syndicated cross border debt financing to a public company
- Acting on a \$90 mm asset based loan financing in conjunction with a concurrent \$70 mm second lien loan

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- Leading a \$750 mm senior syndicated debt financing to finance a takeover bid for a publicly traded real estate investment trust
- Leading a \$545 mm senior syndicated debt financing to a financial services income trust specializing in mortgage loan origination, securitization and administration
- Leading a \$525 mm senior syndicated Canadian debt financing and acting as Canadian counsel on a concurrent US\$200 mm syndicated term loan financing to a Canadian based international company
- Counsel to the lender on margined securities debt facilities secured by publicly traded and private entities
- Counsel to the agent in connection with a \$400 mm senior syndicated facility to a leading Canadian food processing company
- Counsel to the agent in major syndicated condominium project financings

## awards and rankings

- Recognized in the 2020 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Consistently Recommended lawyer in the area of Banking & Financial Institutions and a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the areas of Asset-Based Lending, Project Finance and Property Development
- Listed in the *Legal500 Canada 2020* as a “Recommended Lawyer” – Banking and Finance
- Recognized by *Chambers Canada (2020)* as a leading lawyer in the area of Banking and Finance Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada (2020)* as a leading lawyer in the areas of Asset-Based Lending and Banking & Finance Law
- Recognized in the 2019 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Consistently Recommended lawyer in the area of Banking & Financial Institutions and a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the areas of Asset-Based Lending, Project Finance, and Property Development
- Recognized by *Chambers Canada 2019* as a leader in Banking & Finance
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada (2019)* as a leading lawyer in the areas of Asset-Based Lending and Banking & Finance Law
- Recognized in the 2018 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Consistently Recommended lawyer in the area of Banking & Financial Institutions
- Recognized in *Chambers Canada 2018* as a leading lawyers

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in the area of Banking and Finance

- Recognized in *Best Lawyers in Canada* 2018 as a leading lawyers in the area of Banking and Finance
- Repeatedly recommended, Banking & Financial Institutions, in the 2017 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers in Canada* 2017 as a leading lawyers in the area of Banking and Finance
- Recognized in *Chambers Canada* 2017 as a leading lawyer in the area of Banking and Finance
- Recognized in the 2016 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a leading lawyer in the areas of Asset-Based Lending, Banking & Financial Institutions and Property Development
- Recognized in the 2016 *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada* in the area of Banking & Financial Institutions