



Brett Stewart

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education and year of call

- Called to the Ontario bar - 2005
- University of Toronto, JD - 2004
- Queen's University, B.Sc. (Hons.) - 2001

practice areas

business law
private equity
negotiated transactions
acquisitions and divestitures
private m&a
venture capital
business formation
corporate governance

industries

investments
food, beverage and agribusiness
venture capital
trucking
aerospace and defence
cleantech
transportation
private equity structuring and formation
private equity - buyouts & venture
capital investment
private equity funds

profile

Brett is a partner in the firm's Corporate and Commercial Law Group and the Co-Chair of McMillan's Private Equity Group. Her practice focuses on assisting domestic and foreign clients with negotiated transactions including mergers and acquisitions, private equity financings, asset and share sales, corporate reorganizations, private placements, venture capital financings and management buyouts. In addition, Brett regularly advises clients on corporate governance issues and day-to-day corporate and commercial matters including the review and preparation of complex agreements. She has represented clients in a number of sectors including agri-food, clean tech, engineering, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, manufacturing, transportation and gaming.

Brett is the Co-Chair of the Canadian Women in Private Equity, a member of the Canadian Venture Capital & Private Equity Association and is on the leadership committee of the American Bar Association's Private Equity and Venture Capital Committee.

Brett was recognized by Lexpert Magazine as a Rising Star/Leading Lawyer in Canada under 40 years of age and as a Corporate Lawyer to watch in Lexpert's Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada.

Brett acted as an adjunct professor for Osgoode Hall Law School teaching Business Associations.

directorships and professional associations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Women in Private Equity, Executive Committee member
- Canadian Venture Capital Association

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- American Bar Association
- Association of Capital Growth

representative matters

- Acted as counsel to a private equity fund in completion of a long-term investment
- Acted as Canadian counsel on a share purchase and leaseback of a real estate portfolio for a net lease REIT for a purchase price of \$145M
- Acted for large engineering firm in acquisition and disposition of a series of engineering concerns
- Acted as Canadian counsel for a U.S. private equity fund in the acquisition of a publicly traded U.S. company with a Canadian subsidiary for a purchase price of approximately \$525 million
- Acted for Canadian generic drug manufacturer in series of acquisitions of Canadian wholesale drug distributors
- Acted as counsel to Regimen Equity Partners in completion of equity investment in a Montreal manufacturer.
- Acted for US private equity fund in series of Canadian based acquisition transactions
- Represented closely-held, family-owned company in a series of food industry transactions
- Represented the Ontario Emerging Technology Fund in venture capital investments in Investment in B5 Media Inc., Morega Systems Inc. Investment, Shoplogix Inc., Covarity, Peraso Technologies Inc., Verold Inc., and Affinium Pharmaceuticals
- Acted as Canadian counsel for a U.S. private equity fund in the acquisition of a business line from a S&P 500 company for a purchase price of \$500 million
- Advising a real estate investment bank in connection with a series of real estate acquisition transactions
- Negotiated critical services agreement with a value in excess of \$100 million for Vancouver Olympic Games
- Acted for Canadian private equity fund in series of acquisitions of closely held, family-owned manufacturing entities
- Acted for international shipping company in acquisition of truck line
- Represented regional municipality in consolidation of municipal bus services to regional services
- Acted for Canadian/US closely-held shipping concern in the disposition of its assets

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- Worked on corporate team representing Brookfield on corporate matters relative to Brookfield's intraconsortium documents for the acquisition of O&Y REIT, involving real estate assets valued in excess of \$2.1 billion

awards and rankings

- Recognized by *the 2019 Lexpert Guide to the US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada* as a leading Canadian lawyer in cross-border practices
- Recognized by *IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2019* as a Rising Star in Investment Funds and Banking
- Ranked by *Lexpert Guide (2018)* as a leading US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyer in Canada
- Recognized in *IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2018* as a rising star in the areas of Investment Funds and Banking
- Ranked in *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada 2015* as a Corporate Lawyer to Watch in the area of Corporate Commercial Law
- Named one of *Lexpert's Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40, 2014*

publications

May 2019

Getting the Deal Through (Canada Chapter) – Private Equity 2019 – Transactions

2017

The International Comparative Legal Guide to Private Equity - 3rd edition, Canadian Contributor

2016

The International Comparative Legal Guide to Private Equity - 2nd edition, Canadian Contributor

presentations

March 2018

Drafting Critical Boilerplate Provisions
Speaker, CBA Skilled Lawyer Series 2018, Toronto, Ontario

September 2015

CVCA Insights
Toronto, Ontario