

ALEX BRUVELS



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Alex Bruvels is an experienced capital markets lawyer with a practice focused on corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions. He provides advice in a range of industries including real estate investment trusts (REITS), private equity with a focus on real estate funds, technology, resources and energy, cannabis, and health care. Alex also acts for investment funds.

As part of his securities and corporate finance practice, Alex advises private and public clients in connection with venture capital financings, initial public offerings, private placements, public equity and debt financings, mergers and acquisitions, stock exchange listings, corporate governance, securities regulatory matters, contested shareholder meetings and general corporate and securities law matters.

Alex also has extensive experience in the structuring, offering and sale of domestic and foreign domiciled investment funds. He offers additional expertise in dealer and adviser registration and compliance matters.

An author of numerous publications on business law and the capital markets, Alex has also been a guest lecturer on mergers and acquisitions at the Dalhousie Schulich School of Law and on corporate finance and corporate governance at Queen's University law school. He has also acted as a public company corporate secretary.

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Expertise: Cannabis, Capital Markets & Securities, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity & Venture Capital, Technology

Location: Toronto

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Position/Title: Partner, Capital Markets & Securities

Community Involvement:

- Corporate secretary of a public company

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the Ontario bar

Year: 2017

Degree: Called to the Alberta bar

Year: 2015

Degree: JD with Business Specialization Certificate

University: Dalhousie University

Year: 2014

Degree: Exchange

University: China University of Political Science and Law

Year: 2013

Degree: BA, Double Major, Political Science/International Development Studies

University: Dalhousie University

Year: 2010

Media Mentions:

- "[The legal pitfalls for companies using proptech](#)" by Nataalka Falcomer, Real Estate Magazine (March 1, 2022)
- "[Market upswing](#)" by Alexandra Lopez-Pacheco, CIM Magazine (February 2022)

Representative Matters: Real Estate

- Structuring of and capital raising for numerous private REITs and private equity real estate funds with domestic and foreign assets in a variety of asset classes including office buildings, multi-family residential apartment complexes, hotels, senior housing and student housing.
- Acted for PROPetual (Venture 2021) Real Estate Investment Trust with respect to structuring, REIT launch and capital raising.
- Acted for ForeGrowth U.S. Apartment REIT with respect to structuring, REIT launch and capital raising.
- Acted for Alignvest Capital Management with respect to structuring and capital raising.
- Acted for the selling shareholders in respect of a secondary prospectus offering of common shares of First National Financial Corporation (TSX) on a bought deal basis for gross proceeds of \$53.4M.
- Acted for Morguard Investments Limited with respect to corporate reorganizations.

Technology

- Acted for Avcorp Industries Inc. (TSX), a designer and builder of major airframe structures in its acquisition by Latécoère S.A by way of statutory plan of arrangement with a total transaction value of approximately \$139M.
- Acted for VIQ Solutions Inc. (TSX), a provider of AI digital voice and video capture technology and transcription services in establishing a base shelf prospectus for up to US\$225M.
- Acted for VIQ Solutions Inc. (TSX) in its bought deal offering of common shares qualified under a short form prospectus for gross proceeds of \$20M and up-listing from the TSXV to the TSX.
- Acted for a syndicate of dealers in connection with the \$8.3M bought deal offering of units of Hut 8 Mining Corp. (TSX), a cryptocurrency mining and blockchain infrastructure company.
- Acted for a syndicate of dealers with respect to the reverse take-over by Hut 8 Mining Corp. of Oriana Resources Corporation, public listing on the TSXV, and completion of private placements of approximately \$70M.

- Acted for a Canadian software company in its acquisition by a United States private equity firm with a transaction value of \$85M.

Cannabis

- Acted for iAnthus Capital Holdings, Inc. (CSE) in its recapitalization transaction by way of plan of arrangement including restructuring of \$159M of secured as well as unsecured debt and \$25M additional debt financing. <https://mcmillan.ca/deals-cases/restructuring-of-ianthus-capital-holdings-inc/>
- Acted for Aurora Cannabis Inc. (TSX) in its acquisition of TerraFarma Inc., the parent company to Thrive Cannabis, a vertically integrated cannabis company by way of a three cornered amalgamation with a transaction value of up to \$68M.
- Acted for a committee of independent directors of a TSX listed cannabis company in connection of its investigation of certain transactions.
- Acted for PharmaCielo Ltd., a Colombian based cannabis producer in its best efforts offering of common shares qualified under a short form prospectus for gross proceeds of \$12M.
- Acted for investor in its purchase of US\$100M of unsecured convertible debentures of Harvest Health & Recreation, Inc. (CSE).
- Acted for Natura Naturals Holdings Inc., the parent company of a licensed cannabis cultivator in its acquisition by Tilray, Inc. (NASDAQ) with a transaction value of \$70M.
- Acted for iAnthus Capital Holdings, Inc. (CSE), in its acquisition of MPX Bioceutical Corporation (CSE) with a transaction value of \$1.6B.
- Acted for PharmaCielo Ltd., in its reserve take-over of AAJ Capital 1 Corp., public listing on the TSXV and completion of private placements of approximately \$40M.

Resources and Energy

- Acted for Treasury Metals Inc. (TSX) in its private placement of special warrants on a bought deal basis and flow-through special warrants on a best efforts basis with underlying shares qualified under a short form prospectus for gross proceeds of \$17.6M.
- Acted for Treasury Metals Inc. (TSX) in its acquisition of all of the shares of Tamaka Gold Corporation, the owner of the Goldlund Gold Project from First Mining Gold Corp. (TSX) and concurrent bought deal private placement of subscription receipts for gross proceeds of \$11.52M with the underlying securities qualified under a short form prospectus.
- Acted for AltaLink, L.P. with respect to its offering of \$450M of medium term secured notes under a pricing supplement to a short form base shelf prospectus.
- Acted for PetroNova Inc. (TSXV) in connection with Petroamerica Oil Corp.'s (TSXV) acquisition of all of

PetroNova's common shares by way of a statutory plan of arrangement, with a transaction value of \$29M.

Healthcare

- Acted for Promis Neurosciences Inc. (TSX), a biotechnology company with respect to its private placement of units for gross proceeds of US\$7.4M.
- Acted for Promis Neurosciences Inc. (TSX), with respect to its best efforts offering of US\$20.1M of units under a pricing supplement to a short form base shelf prospectus.
- Acted for Sernova Corp. (TSXV), a regenerative medicine therapeutics company in its bought deal offering of common shares qualified under a short form prospectus for gross proceeds of \$20M.
- Acted for Yorkville Asset Management Inc. as the lead investor in a private placement of common shares and convertible debentures of CareRx Corporation (formerly Centric Health Corporation) (TSX), a provider of specialty pharmacy services to seniors for proceeds of \$35.2M.
- Acted for 1315 Capital in its investment on a bought deal private placement concurrent with a bought deal public offering of common shares of Greenbrook TMS Inc. (TSX), a transcranial magnetic stimulation therapy provider for gross proceeds of \$30.5M.
- Acted for Resverlogix Corp. (TSX), a late-stage clinical biotechnology company in its offering of units for gross proceeds of \$10M by way of overnight marketed prospectus and concurrent private placement.

Investment Funds and Registrants

- Acts for registrants in respect of securities commission regulatory audits.
- Acted for Picton Mahoney Asset Management with respect to structuring matters for hedge funds.
- Acted for domestic and offshore investment funds and dealers with respect to structuring and offering of hedge fund as well as Canadian registration matters and securities commission regulatory audits.

Teaching Engagements:

- Guest lecturer on mergers and acquisitions at Dalhousie Schulich School of Law
- Guest lecturer on corporate finance and corporate governance at Queen's University law school.

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Practices: Capital Markets & Securities, Mergers & Acquisitions