

## BRUCE CHAPPLE\*



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Bruce Chapple is a business lawyer with a dynamic practice focused on mergers and acquisitions, private equity and complex commercial transactions. He draws on extensive industry-specific knowledge in sectors ranging from manufacturing to asset management.

With a broad scope of experience, Bruce advises on acquisitions and divestitures in the Canadian market, as well as Canadian issues associated with international transactions. He also provides counsel on joint ventures and limited partnerships. His clients include public and private corporations, subsidiaries of international corporations, private equity funds and investment vehicles, including for real estate transactions.

Bruce is known for delivering practical solutions and getting deals done. He is consistently recognized for his expertise in the corporate mid-market category by the *Canadian Legal Expert Directory* and is a leader of the firm's Private Equity & Venture Capital Group.

Active in the community, Bruce is a director at Alpine Canada. He led the firm's Leadership United Way campaign for many years and is past chair of the board of governors at Royal St. George's College.

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**Expertise:** Business Law, Investment Funds & Asset Management, Manufacturing, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity & Venture Capital

**Location:** Toronto

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**Position/Title:** Partner, Private Equity & Venture Capital | Mergers & Acquisitions

**Website:** <https://www.instagram.com/bruceachapple/>

**Community Involvement:**

- Member of United Way Greater Toronto

**Directorships & Affiliations:**

- Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (CVCA)
- Chair of the Board of Governors of Royal St. George's College

**Publications:**

- ["The International Comparative Legal Guide to Private Equity – 8<sup>th</sup> edition,"](#) Canadian Contributor (2022)

**Education & Admissions:**

**Degree:** Called to the Ontario bar

**Year:** 1997

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**Degree:** LLB

**University:** University of Toronto

**Year:** 1995

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**Degree:** B.Sc., Economics (cum laude) - A broad-based business curriculum including international business

**University:** Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

**Year:** 1991

**Rankings & Recognition:**

- Recognized in the 2023 Lexpert Special Edition on Finance and M&A as one of Canada's Leading Finance and M&A Lawyers
- Recognized in the 2023 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Consistently Recommended Lawyer in the area of Corporate Commercial Law and a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the areas Corporate Mid-Market, Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada (2023)* as a leading lawyer in the area of Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Recognized in the 2022 Lexpert Special Edition on Finance and M&A as one of Canada's Leading Finance and M&A Lawyers
- Recognized in the 2022 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the areas of Corporate Mid-Market, Corporate Commercial and Mergers & Acquisitions
- Recognized in the 2021 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the areas of Corporate Mid-Market and Mergers & Acquisitions
- Recognized in the 2020 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the area of Corporate Mid-Market
- Recognized in the 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the area of Corporate Mid-Market
- Recognized in the 2018 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the area of Corporate Mid-Market
- Named in 2017 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as repeatedly recommended in the area of Corporate Mid-Market
- Named in 2016 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a leading lawyer in the area of Corporate Mid-Market

**Speaking Engagements:**

- Building Essential Negotiating and Drafting Skills Shareholder Agreements (annually since 2014) OBA Commercial Agreements Bootcamp
- 2019

## Representative Matters:

- NYX Capital, acted on the investment by a new investor in various NYX storage facilities
- Great Point Capital, acted as Canadian counsel in connection with an investment in Axiom Real-Time Metrics
- Gentherm (Nasdaq), a thermal technology company, which develops and manufactures heating, cooling and ventilating devices for global markets - represented Gentherm in its acquisition of Etratech, in a minority investment in Etalim and its acquisition of Global Thermoelectric
- Apache Industrial Services, represented Quantum SCL Holdings Limited and Somad Holdings PTY Ltd., in the acquisition of Apache, a Houston based industrial services business, and the roll-in of Skyway Canada Limited
- Robert Bosch Venture Capital, represented RBVC in its Series A investments in Flybits (and Trellis Capital as co-investor), Airy3D and Poka
- Alignvest Capital Management, represented Alignvest in the structuring and establishment of its fund as well as several platforms and provide regular corporate advice
- WESCO Distribution Canada LP, provide regular corporate advice and participated in the representation of WESCO in its acquisition of EECOL Electric Corp.
- Messer Canada Inc., provide regular corporate advice
- Parallax Development Corp. (formerly, Nico Puff Corporation), represented Nico Puff with Plan of Arrangement
- Lone Star, a Canadian based restaurant chain, provide regular corporate advice
- Picton Mahoney Asset Management, provide regular commercial and partnership advice
- Competitive Foods Canada, represented Competitive Foods in acquiring a minority interest in SIR Corp. (owner of Jack Astor's and Alice Fazooli's)
- Connell Limited Partnership, represented Connell in the add-on acquisition of the assets of AWC Manufacturing Inc. as well as its original acquisition of Anchor Lamina
- Catterton, represented Catterton Growth Fund on its investment in Cover FX and on its acquisition of Naya Waters and other multiple investments and related portfolio companies since 2001
- Skyway Canada/PERI, represented Skyway in acquisition of all the outstanding shares of PERI Scaffolding Services Inc. a subsidiary of PERI GmbH and representation of Skyway in refinancing
- Titan Outdoor, an outdoor media company - represented Titan in the acquisition and ultimate sale of its Canadian business
- Hillcore Financial Corporation (previously, Abacus Private Equity), provide regular corporate advice and represented Abacus in closing multiple transactions since 2005
- A Place for Mom, a senior care referral company - assisted in setting up business in Canada and provide

regular corporate advice to its Canadian subsidiary

- Voith, is a globally active engineering company with its broad portfolio covering plants, products and industrial services, provide regular corporate advice
- Fresenius Kabi Canada / Calea, provide regular corporate advice in respect of the Canadian operation of Fresenius Kabi, a German public company in the medical and drug therapy business
- Olin Chlor Alkali Products, a leading North American manufacturer of chlorine, caustic CIV soda, industrial bleach, hydrochloric acid, potassium hydroxide, hydrogen and related products - provide regular corporate advice
- Southwest Capital, an alternative asset manager and real estate private equity fund focused on the Southwestern United States - provide regular partnership and corporate advice including the establishment of Funds 2, 3, 4 and 6
- Huron Capital Partners, acted as Canadian counsel on the acquisitions and divestitures of OE Quality Friction Inc., Labstat International Inc. and Olon Canada Inc. and provided regular corporate advice to its Canadian portfolio companies

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