

## CHRISTOPHER J. GARRAH\*



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Chris Garrah is an accomplished corporate lawyer practising business law with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations, joint ventures and private equity. Chris represents clients in the insurance sector, as well as the food, beverage and agribusiness industry.

In addition to his work in acquisitions, Chris has extensive experience in shareholder and partnership agreements, commercial agreements and corporate governance issues.

As lead counsel to numerous clients, including non-share capital corporations, Chris provides advice on corporate governance, commercial agreements and corporate policies.

Complementing his Canadian practice, Chris brings cross-border experience gained through a secondment to Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP in New York.

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**Expertise:** Business Law, Food, Beverage & Agribusiness, Insurance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity & Venture Capital

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**Position/Title:** Partner, Business Law | Insurance

**Directorships & Affiliations:**

- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association

**Publications:**

- "[Privacy Breaches in M&A Deals and the Importance of Data Security Diligence](#)," Ontario Bar Association (April 20, 2023)
- "Immigration (Business)," 2012 LEXPERT/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada (January 2012)
- "[Revisiting Damages for Breach of Contract](#)," (September 2007)
- "[Termination Clauses: Don't Leave The Table Without Them](#)," (September 2007)

**Education & Admissions:**

**Degree:** Called to the Ontario bar

**Year:** 1996

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**Degree:** LLB

**University:** University of Toronto

**Year:** 1994

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**Degree:** B.Comm.

**University:** Queen's University

**Year:** 1991

**Speaking Engagements:**

- Directors' Duties and Liabilities, Governance Practices and Charity Issues - Presentation to Canadian Foundation for Advancement of Investor Rights ("FAIR")  
- November 10, 2023

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- Panel Discussion on a Joint Venture Deal, OBA - Professional Development, Commercial Agreements Bootcamp  
- November 21, 2023

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- Business Law: Keeping Afloat in a Sea of Change The Ontario Bar Association

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- Folk Inc – Why, When, and How to Incorporate your Music Business, Presented by The Canadian Federation of Musicians and Folk Music Ontario  
- November 25, 2021

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- Practice Gems: Essentials of the Privately Held Company 2019 (Part 1): Setting Up the Company Law Society of Ontario, Toronto  
- September 2019

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- Québec – Ontario Business Law Summit Ontario Bar Association, Toronto  
- May 2015

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- Termination Clauses – Don't Leave the Table Without Them The Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario, Huntsville, Ontario  
- May 2014

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- Administration - Privacy and Document Retention: Establishing Effective Document Retention and Destruction Policies Ontario Bar Association - Institute 2012, Toronto  
- February 2012

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- Records Management Lexpert Information Privacy and Data Protection Seminar  
- November 2011

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- Best Practices for Document Retention The Canadian Institute's Forum on Privacy Law & Compliance

- September 21, 2011

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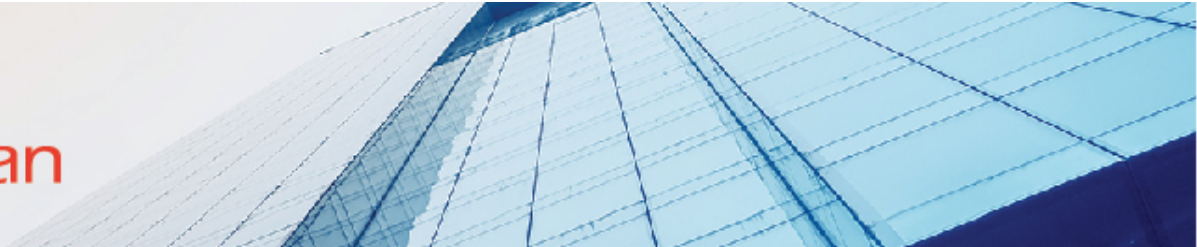
- Canada and the Ontario Not-For-Profit Law - How will the Historical Changes Impact Not-For-Profit Corporations The Ontario Bar Association

- June 7, 2011

### **Representative Matters:**

- Act for foreign insurance company in relation to its establishment of a joint venture in Canada
- Act for purchasers of insurance brokers
- Acted for the purchaser on acquisition of an Ontario insurance company
- Acted on the BBM Canada-Nielsen Media Research Limited joint venture which resulted in BBM Electronic Inc. The joint venture was the result of the merger of the portion of the respective operations of BBM and Nielsen Media Research Limited that measured television audiences using wired electronic meters
- Acted for vendor group in sale of a national food distributor
- Acted for an auto parts manufacturer in a commercial restructuring and insolvency matter involving major Canadian automobile manufacturers
- Acted on behalf of a number of health and safety associations in connection with the restructuring of the workplace and workplace-related accident prevention system in Ontario
- Acted on behalf of The Royal Conservatory of Music in connection with a joint venture with Carnegie Hall to launch the Carnegie Hall Royal Conservatory The Achievement Program (now The Royal Conservator of Music Development Program)
- Acted on behalf of a software company in connection with the sale of its shares to a U.S. private equity group
- Acted for the [Canadian Cancer Society on its amalgamation with the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation](#)
- Acted for [DCC Technology Company Ltd. in its acquisition of JAM Industries Ltd.](#)
- Acted for technology company in the acquisition of the shares of an insurance analytics technology company
- Acted for vendors in the sale of an international chemical company to a private equity firm

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