

MARIA SAGAN

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Maria Sagan is a highly respected lawyer with a diverse financial services practice focused on banking law and complex financing transactions. She works with major banks, private equity firms, and domestic and international corporations in domestic, cross-border and multijurisdictional financings.

Drawing on broad experience, Maria advises on secured and unsecured lending, asset-based lending, acquisition finance, derivative and structured transactions, securitizations, syndicated lending and debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing. She has been recognized as a rising star in the areas of financial services regulatory and banking by the *IFLR100 Financial and Corporate Guide*.

Maria served a secondment with the derivatives legal group of a leading Canadian bank, gaining valuable insight into the negotiation of derivatives contracts with international financial institutions.

Maria is currently the Co-Chair of the Young Professional's Committee of the Association for Corporate Growth, Toronto Chapter.

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Expertise: Banking & Finance, Financial Services

Language Spoken: English, Polish

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Position/Title: Partner, Financial Services

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Association for Corporate Growth (ACG), Toronto Chapter, Young Professional's Committee (2016 – present)

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- Young Leaders in Infrastructure (Member)
- Women's Infrastructure Network (Member)

Publications:

- "[Staying Secured in Uncertain Times: A refresher on taking security in Canada](#)," Secured Finance Network, The Secured Lender (International Issue) (2021)
- "The Phase-Out of LIBOR: A Primer," Banking & Finance Law Review (August 2020)
- "The ABA Guide to International Bar Admissions," Sagan M. & Todgham-Cherniak, C. (2012)
- "Canada-Ontario," in Russell W. Dombrow and Nancy A. Matos (Eds.), Chicago, Illinois: American Bar Association (2012)
- "[Goodbye boilerplate: Canadian Securities Administrators release guidance on environmental disclosure](#)," Canadian Securities Law News, CCH, No 203 (December 2010)
- "[Change is Near but Unclear: Canadian Regulators Publish Initial Proposals on OTC Derivatives](#)," Derivatives Law Bulletin (November 2010)
- "[A Greener Future: Environmental Disclosures in Securities Regulation](#)," *Briefly Speaking*, Vol 35, No 5 (October 2010)
- "[Challenges and Opportunities at the Wills Project](#)," *Briefly Speaking*, Vol 35, No 3 (June 2010)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the Ontario bar

Year: 2011

Degree: JD

University: Osgoode Hall Law School

Year: 2010

Degree: Specialized Honours BA (summa cum laude)

University: York University

Year: 2007

Rankings & Recognition:

- Recognized by IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2020 as a Rising Star in Financial Services Regulatory and Banking
- Recognized by IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2019 as a Rising Star in Financial Services Regulatory
- The Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP Book Prize in Securities Regulation, 2010, Osgoode Hall Law School
- The Gowlings Prize in Securities Regulation, 2010, Osgoode Hall Law School
- The John S. Proctor Award of Distinction, 2003-2007, York University

Representative Matters:

- Counsel to a Canadian financial institution in connection with a US\$500 million financing to a Canadian real estate company
- Counsel to a major US financial institution in connection with a US\$155 million financing to a Canadian healthcare company
- Counsel to a major US financial institution in connection with a US\$740 million financing of an international healthcare company
- Counsel to a private equity lender in connection with healthcare financing to two Canadian healthcare companies (total of up to Cdn\$106 million)
- Counsel to a major US financial institution in connection with a Cdn\$175 million financing to a Canadian IT corporation
- Counsel to a major US financial institution in connection with a US\$1.2 billion financing to an international chemical production corporation
- Counsel to a private US lender in connection with a US\$100 million acquisition financing of a Canadian media technology company
- Counsel to a Canadian distribution company in connection with a US\$1.1 billion financing by a syndicate of US and Canadian financial institutions
- Counsel to an international equipment rental company with respect to a US\$1.75 billion financing by a syndicate of US and Canadian financial institutions
- Counsel to a major Canadian pharmaceutical company with respect to a EUR 210 million financing by a syndicate of European and Canadian financial institutions



Industries: Banking & Finance

Practices: Financial Services