

MICHAEL BURNS



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Michael Burns provides advice on all facets of capital markets and securities law with an emphasis on alternative investment funds, alternative and conventional mutual funds and structured products. He has extensive experience in the structuring, offering and sale of domestic and foreign-domiciled investment funds. Michael is recognized in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (2020) as a repeatedly recommended lawyer in the area of investment funds and asset management, and by *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (2020) as a leader in private funds.

Representing issuers as well as underwriters / agents, Michael assists clients with mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, hostile and friendly takeover bids, proxy contests, private placements, rights offerings and initial public offerings. His industry knowledge spans the mining, technology, advertising, television and entertainment, and transportation sectors.

Michael provides ongoing guidance to public issuers on continuous disclosure obligations, shareholder communications, executive compensation, corporate governance, preparations for annual and special meetings, as well as general corporate matters.

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Expertise: Business Law, Capital Markets & Securities, Investment Funds & Asset Management, Mining, Technology

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Position/Title: Partner, Investment Funds & Asset Management

Community Involvement:

- Minor hockey coach
- Minor baseball coach

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Canadian Bar Association
- Alternative Investment Management Association, Canada - Chairman
- Investment Fund Institute of Canada
- Ontario Bar Association - Securities Law Subcommittee

Publications:

- "[Public-Private Partnerships in Canada: Law Policy and Value for Money](#)," Contributing Author, LexisNexis (May 2019)

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the Ontario bar

Year: 1992

Degree: LLB

University: Dalhousie University

Year: 1990

Degree: B.Comm. (cum laude)

University: Dalhousie University

Year: 1987

Media Mentions: "[OSC takes first steps to ease up on fund managers](#)", Law Times, August 1, 2019

Rankings & Recognition:

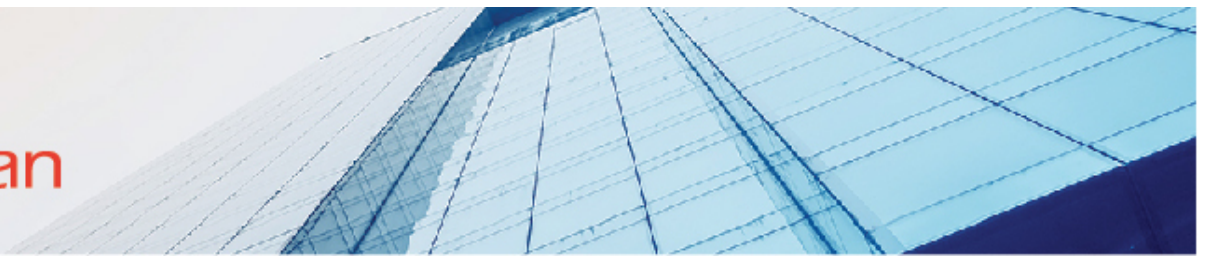
- Recognized in the 2024 Lexology Index: Canada Guide as a Recommended lawyer in the area of Private Funds
- Recognized in the 2024 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Investment Funds & Asset Management
- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Canada 2023 as a leader in Private Funds
- Recognized in the 2023 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Investment Funds & Asset Management
- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Global 2022 as a leader in Private Funds: Formations
- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Canada 2022 as a leader in Private Funds
- Recognized in the 2022 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Investment Funds & Asset Management
- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Global 2021 as a leader in Private Funds: Formations
- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Canada 2021 as a leader in Private Funds
- Recognized in the 2021 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Investment Funds & Asset Management
- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Canada 2020 as a leader in Private Funds
- Recognized in the 2020 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Investment Funds & Asset Management
- Listed in *Who's Who Legal: Canada 2019* as a leader in Private Funds
- McMillan LLP recognized as Best Canadian Law Firm at the 2019 and 2019 Canadian Hedge Fund Awards
- Recognized in the 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the area of Investment Funds & Asset Management
- Recognized in the 2018 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the

areas of Investment Funds & Asset Management

- Recognized in the 2015-2018 Editions of *Who's Who Legal: Canada (Private Funds)*
- Ranked as "Leading Practitioner - Repeatedly Recommended" – Investment Funds and Asset Management – *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* 2016
- Recognized as a Investment Funds Expert Listing (Canada) – *Expert Guides – The World's Leading Lawyers Chosen by Their Peers* 2016

Representative Matters:

- Represents and advises investment fund managers and asset managers on the structuring and public offering of NI 81-102 alternative mutual funds, conventional mutual funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs) in Canada.
- Represents and advises investment fund managers and asset managers on the structuring and offering of alternative investment funds and other pooled investment products on a private placement basis and investment advisory services in Canada.
- Represents and advises Canadian investment fund managers on the structuring and offering of offshore hedge funds and master/feeder structures.
- Structuring and offering of private equity funds.
- Extensive experience in the registration and ongoing compliance obligations of investment fund managers, portfolio managers and dealers under applicable securities legislation.
- Advises foreign-domiciled investment fund managers on the offering and registration requirements associated with the marketing and distribution of the securities of foreign domiciled investment funds in Canada.
- Represents and advises issuers and dealers in connection with offering of securities in Canada via public offering (prospectus) and private placement.
- Represents issuers and underwriters in connection with private placement bond offerings in connection with public-private partnership (P3) projects.
- Acts on behalf of both acquirors and targets on mergers, acquisitions and take-over bids (friendly and hostile).
- Represents shareholders in connection with proxy contests.
- Advises issuers with respect to continuous disclosure obligations and corporate governance matters in Canada.
- Generally advises on corporate, commercial and securities law matters.



Industries: Investment Funds & Asset Management, Mining, Technology

Practices: Business Law, Capital Markets & Securities