

## SANDRA ZHAO



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Sandra Zhao is a talented capital markets and securities lawyer with recognized expertise in mergers and acquisitions, shareholder activism, corporate finance and business restructuring. Sandra represents public and private companies across a wide range of industries on the purchase and sale of businesses, and raising capital. She has extensive experience counseling shareholders and boards of directors in connection with proxy fights.

In addition to advising on continuous disclosure requirements and corporate governance, Sandra provides guidance on equity incentive plans and rights plans, securities regulatory compliance, and general corporate and securities law matters.

With a keen interest in and a full understanding of the duties of boards of directors, Sandra has written numerous publications on the topic. As guest lecturer at Queen's University Faculty of Law, she taught a course on contested transactions.

Sandra leads and coordinates the efforts of the firm's China Practice Group in Ontario.

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**Directorships & Affiliations:**

- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association

**Education & Admissions:**

**Degree:** Called to the Ontario bar

**Year:** 2011

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**Degree:** JD

**University:** Osgoode Hall Law School

**Year:** 2010

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**Degree:** B.Comm. (Graduated with Distinction)

**University:** University of Toronto

**Year:** 2007

**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 Leading Lawyer to Watch in the area of Corporate Finance & Securities
- Winner of the Lexpert 2022 Rising Star Awards: Leading Lawyer Under 40
- Recognized in the 2022 Lexpert Special Edition on Finance and M&A as one of Canada's Leading Finance and M&A Lawyers
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### **Representative Matters:**

- Acted for Madison Dearborn Partners in its approximately \$981 million acquisition of IPL Plastics Inc. by way of a plan of arrangement and related financings.
- Acted for The Catalyst Capital Group Inc. in its successful transaction to enhance shareholder value in connection with the going private transaction of Hudson's Bay Company.
- Acted for certain shareholders of Eco Oro Minerals Corp. in connection with a requisitioned shareholders' meeting to reconstitute the board, various litigation relating thereto and a settlement between Eco Oro and shareholders representing approximately 66.3% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Eco Oro.
- Acted for Israel Chemicals Ltd. in its approximately \$164 million acquisition of Allana Potash Corp. by way of a plan of arrangement.
- Acted for Petroflow Energy Corporation in its approximately US\$200 million acquisition of all the shares of Equal Energy Ltd. and defeasance of Equal Energy's \$51 million outstanding listed debentures.
- Acted for FCF Capital Inc. in connection with its change of business from a junior resource company to an investment issuer on the TSX Venture Exchange.
- Acted for Detour Gold Corporation in various "bought deal" public offerings in Canada and the U.S.

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