

STEPHEN C.E. RIGBY*

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Stephen Rigby practises business law with a focus on mergers and acquisitions (M&A), other strategic reorganizations, and corporate finance transactions. He is recognized in legal directories for his expertise in M&A and his work in the corporate mid-market space.

Known for finding solutions that facilitate the successful closing of complex public and private transactions, Stephen acts for clients in diverse industries, including agribusiness, manufacturing, entertainment, technology and consumer products. He has extensive experience advising on deals involving private equity.

In addition to his transactional work, Stephen provides ongoing advice on matters relating to corporate governance and organization to boards of directors and shareholders.

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

Location: Toronto

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Position/Title: Partner, Business Law

Directorships & Affiliations:

- Canadian Bar Association

Education & Admissions:

Degree: Called to the Ontario bar

Year: 1991

Degree: LLB

University: University of Toronto

Year: 1989

Degree: B.Comm.

University: University of Toronto

Year: 1986

Rankings & Recognition:

- Recognized in the *2021 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended Lawyer in the area of Corporate Mid-Market
- Recognized by *IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2021* as a Notable Practitioner in the area of M&A
- Recognized in the *2020 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended in the area of Corporate Mid-Market
- Recognized by *IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2020* as a Notable Practitioner in M&A
- Recognized by *IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2019* as a Notable Practitioner in M&A
- Ranked as a Notable Practitioner in the *IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2018* for M&A
- *Martindale-Hubbell* BV Distinguished (Peer Review Ranking)

Representative Matters:

- Advising the seller on the disposition of the ONroute highway service centre system (Ontario) 2019
- Advising a leading aircraft maintenance/repair/refurbishment provider on a significant private equity investment 2018
- Advising the purchaser on the acquisition of the Canadian Wheat Board and the combination of the grain assets of the purchaser with those of the CWB 2015
- Advising the vendors of a leading Canadian camera, lighting and grip rental company 2013
- Advising a gaming and entertainment company on structuring and implementing acquisitions, joint ventures, dispositions and other strategic matters 2005 - 2012
- Advising a global agribusiness corporation on the establishment of a significant agricultural business joint venture, including the development of toll processing arrangements, distribution, sales and marketing arrangements and corporate governance structures 2011
- Advising the foreign purchaser of Canadian steel mill operations 2009, and continuing structuring, financing and development work

- Advising a real estate investment bank in connection with a series of real estate acquisition transactions 2006-2008
- Advising the vendor shareholders of Decode Entertainment Inc. on the sale of Decode to DHX Media Inc. and subsequent initial public offering of DHX on TSX and AIM 2006
- Advising the vendor shareholders of Yolles Partnership, a leading structural engineering company, on the sale of Yolles to the Halcrow Group 2005
- Advising the independent committee of the board of directors of Dundee Realty Corporation, a Canadian public company, with respect to a "going-private transaction" including the creation of Dundee REIT, a publicly-traded real estate investment trust 2003
- Acting for SMTC Corporation in connection with its simultaneous initial public offerings in Canada and the U.S. 2000
- Advising the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation in connection with the commercialization of the St. Lawrence Seaway 1998

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Practices: Business Law, Mergers & Acquisitions