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Expertise

Capital Markets and Securities
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Bar Admissions

Ontario, 1999

Trusted by clients to be “very practical, very knowledgeable and good at thinking things through,” Rob brings a combination of commercial insight and practical know-how to his clients’ critical capital markets matters.

Client – Chambers Canada

Rob advises clients on a broad range of transactions, including public and private offerings of equity and debt securities and structured products, asset acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, equity monetizations, corporate governance and loan financings.

Known for his expertise in securities law, Rob is regularly consulted by public companies – including mining and oil and gas companies – on disclosure issues and general commercial matters. He also acts for issuers and underwriters in major cross-border transactions and advises major U.S. investment banks on securities law compliance issues concerning Canadian offerings.

Rob is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School. He is a former member of the Ontario Securities Commission’s Continuous Disclosure Advisory Committee and Small Business Advisory Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Toromont Industries Ltd.

Acted for Toromont Industries Ltd. in its C\$300-million private placement of 3.76% senior unsecured notes due 2030.

RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and RBC Capital Markets, LLC

Acted for RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and RBC Capital Markets, LLC on the US\$900-million cross-border secondary offering of subordinate voting shares of GFL Environmental Inc., where certain of the offered shares were repurchased for cancellation by GFL.

Russel Metals Inc.

Acted for Russel Metals Inc. in its C\$300-million private placement of 4.423% senior unsecured notes due 2030.

Government of Canada

Acted for the syndicate of underwriters, co-led by BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., National Bank Financial Inc. and RBC Dominion Securities Inc., in the Government of Canada’s offering of Series C Green Bonds in the principal amount of C\$2-billion.

Government of Canada

Acted for the syndicate of underwriters, co-led by Desjardins Securities Inc., National Bank Financial Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and Scotia Capital

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Inc., in the re-opening of the Government of Canada's offering of Series B Green Bonds in the principal amount of C\$2-billion.

Oxford Properties Group and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board

Acted for Oxford Properties Group and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board in the C\$325-million sale of Les Galeries de le Capitale, a super regional enclosed shopping centre located in Quebec City, to Primaris Real Estate Investment Trust. Primaris agreed to fund C\$155 million of the purchase price with equity, comprised of (1) 2.5 million Primaris units, subject to Primaris' right (which was exercised) to instead pay C\$34 million in cash, and (2) C\$100 million aggregate face value of 6.25% preferred units exchangeable into Primaris units.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to the initial purchasers, led by J.P. Morgan, in the private placement of US\$500 million of senior notes of GFL Environmental Inc.

Scotia Capital Inc and TD Securities

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters, co-led by Scotia Capital Inc. and TD Securities Inc. in an offering of C\$200-million aggregate principal amount of Series L Notes of Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust due March 29, 2030.

RBC Capital Markets, LLC and RBC Dominion Securities Inc.

Acted for RBC Capital Markets, LLC and RBC Dominion Securities Inc. on the US\$723.4-million cross-border secondary offering of subordinate voting shares of GFL Environmental Inc.

BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc, CIBC World Markets Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc. and The Toronto-Dominion Bank

Acted for the syndicate of underwriters, co-led by BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc. and The Toronto-Dominion Bank, in the Government of Canada's offering of Series B Green Bonds in the principal amount of C\$4-billion.

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business—Capital Markets: Debt and Equity

Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business—Capital Markets

IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Capital Markets: Debt; Capital Markets: Equity; Mergers and Acquisitions

The Legal 500 Canada—Capital Markets (Leading Partner)

Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining

Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Finance and Securities

The Best Lawyers in Canada—Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Mining Law; Securities Law

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Who's Who Legal: Canada—Capital Markets; Who's Who Legal: Capital Markets—Debt and Equity

INSIGHTS

Securities Regulators Reduce Friction for Capital Raising with Incremental Changes to Prospectus Rules
Apr. 21, 2025

Doing Business in Canada 2023, contributor
Nov. 14, 2023

If It Ain't Broke... Davies Comments on Draft Capital Markets Act
Feb. 25, 2022

CSA Introduces a Streamlined Shelf Prospectus Regime for "Well-Known Seasoned Issuers"
Dec. 13, 2021

Davies Highlights Concerns with Proposals to Modernize Ontario's Capital Markets
Sept. 09, 2020

At-the-Market Distributions Arrive in Canada
June 08, 2020

COVID-19: Canadian Public Disclosure Considerations During the Pandemic
Mar. 23, 2020

Keep It Between Us: Canadian Securities Regulators Adopt Confidential Prospectus Review Process
Mar. 06, 2020

You Say You Want Evolution? Well...Canadian Securities Regulators Are Now Reshaping Yesterday's Rules
Mar. 04, 2020

OSC Offers Pre-Filing Review of Technical Disclosure for Mining Issuers Expecting to File a Prospectus
June 10, 2019

EDUCATION

Queen's University, LLB, 1996
Queen's University, BA (Hons) (Economics), 1987

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Ontario Securities Commission, Continuous Disclosure Advisory Committee, former member; Small Business Advisory Committee, former member

TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

Rob is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, where he leads the securities law section of the Advanced Business Law Workshop.

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