



## Michel Gélinas

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### Expertise

Mergers and Acquisitions  
Corporate  
Private Equity  
Technology  
Life Sciences  
Communications and Media

### Bar Admissions

Quebec, 1992

Clients have described Michel as being exceptionally responsive, very experienced, practical and thoughtful.

Michel focuses on domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital and corporate finance transactions. Michel regularly represents U.S., European and other international clients investing in Canada through M&A, joint ventures or greenfield investments, as well as Canadian clients expanding abroad.

Earlier in his career, Michel practised corporate and securities law in New York.

### RECOGNITIONS

*IFLR1000: Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Mergers and Acquisitions*

*Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A*

*Lexpert Special Edition: Technology and Health Sciences*

*Lexpert Guide to US/Canada Cross-Border Lawyers in Canada—Mergers & Acquisitions*

*The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Mid-Market; Mergers and Acquisitions; Private Equity; Technology Transactions*

*The Best Lawyers in Canada—Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice; Corporate Governance Practice; Corporate Law; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (Lawyer of the Year 2022, Montréal); Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Technology Law; Venture Capital Law (Lawyer of the Year 2023, Montréal)*

*Who's Who Legal: M&A and Governance—Mergers and Acquisitions; Who's Who Legal: Canada—Mergers and Acquisitions*

Martindale-Hubbell—Distinguished rating for high professional achievement

### INSIGHTS

*Technology M&A 2024*, Canada chapter, co-author  
Oct. 31, 2023

Ownership of Privileged Communications in M&A Transactions: Practical Takeaways and Recent Case Law  
July 13, 2023

*Technology M&A 2023*, Canada chapter, co-author  
Feb. 21, 2023

*International M&A Due Diligence Manual*, Second Edition, Canada chapter, co-author  
May 27, 2022

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Moderator, American Bar Association, Business Law Section Hybrid Annual Meeting, International Business Transactions Subcommittee, “How Supply Chain Disruptions are Impacting M&A Deals”; March 31-April 2, 2022  
Mar. 31, 2022

Moderator, American Bar Association, Business Law Section Annual Meeting, “The Gig Economy and M&A – Traps for the Unwary”; Virtual Meeting  
Sept. 22, 2021

Moderator and speaker, MEGAMIGS-PRO – Montréal International Video Game Summit, “Financing or Selling Your Studio – Be prepared!”; Virtual Conference  
Nov. 20, 2020

The New British Invasion: Will European Deal Terms Rock the U.S. M&A Boat?  
Nov. 14, 2019

Chair, American Bar Association, Business Law Section Annual Meeting, “Coming To America – European M&A Deal Trends are Increasingly Found in U.S. Deals”; Washington, D.C.  
Sept. 13, 2019

American Bar Association, Business Law Section, “Minority Exit Rights by Private Equity Investors in Privately Held Companies”; Vancouver, BC  
Mar. 28, 2019

Will Canada Finally End Up with a Securities and Exchange Commission?, co-author  
Feb. 01, 2019

Private Equity in Canada: Market and Regulatory Overview, co-author  
June 01, 2017

Venture Capital Investment in Canada: Market and Regulatory Overview, co-author  
June 01, 2017

The Florida Bar, International Law Section, Annual Convention of Florida Bar, “International Business Expansion from the United States”; Orlando, FL  
Feb. 01, 2017

American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Spring Meeting, “Expanding Abroad From the United States - What You Don't Know May Hurt Your Business”; Montréal, QC  
Apr. 08, 2016

A Primer on Canadian Foreign Investment Rules including Recent Developments, co-author  
Apr. 01, 2016

American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Annual Meeting, “Managing Legal Risks in Multijurisdictional M&A Transactions”; Chicago, IL  
Sept. 19, 2015

Important Recent Amendments to Canadian Foreign Investment Rules  
Aug. 01, 2015

American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Annual Meeting, “Exiting with

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an ESOP: A Compelling Exit Strategy for a Privately-Held Business"; Chicago, IL  
Sept. 11, 2014

American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Annual Meeting, "Don't Rush  
for the Emergency Exit: Planning an Exit Strategy to Maximize Shareholder Value";  
Chicago, IL  
Aug. 02, 2012

## **EDUCATION**

University of Montreal, LLB, 1991  
McGill University, MBA (Finance & International Business), 1994  
University of Ottawa, BComm (Finance) (Cum Laude & Dean's List), 1988

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Bar Association  
Canadian Bar Association  
Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association  
Quebec MBA Association

## **BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

American Bar Association, Business Law Section, International Business  
Transactions Subcommittee, co-chair  
American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Publications Board, former  
member