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“Our goal as a firm is to pursue innovation and excellence on behalf of our clients while tackling their most critical matters as if they were our own.”

Managing Partner in Montréal, Philippe leads our Québec team – dedicated, as always, to embracing our clients’ high-stakes challenges and providing them with innovative, clear and efficient solutions.

A banker before he became a lawyer, Philippe has spent almost two decades advising leading companies — Canadian, U.S. and international — on their most important Canadian investments. He has advised clients on mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, private placements, financings, corporate reorganizations, joint ventures and other major projects. Cross-border and international deals are a significant area of focus.

Philippe has been a member of our Management Committee since 2012. He is a director of Fondation Serge Marcil, which focuses on improving the well-being of children in Haiti and Africa, and also sits on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, which promotes the prosperity of the city and its businesses.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Logiciels Metrio Inc.

Acted for Logiciels Metrio Inc., a Montréal-based ESG reporting and analytics firm, in its sale to Nasdaq, Inc., a global technology company.

Kruger Inc. Master Trust

Acted for Kruger Inc. Master Trust in connection with the sale of Lidya Energy, a power plant located in Lachute, Québec, that transforms the biogas released at a landfill site into electricity, to Energy Developments (Canada) Inc., a subsidiary of Energy Developments Pty Limited, a member of Australia’s DUET group.

Communauto Inc.

Acted for Communauto Inc., one of the largest car-sharing services in the world, in connection with an investment by Automobiles Peugeot and MKB Partners Fund.

Felda Global Ventures Holdings Sdn. Bhd.

Acted for Malaysia’s Felda Global Ventures Holdings Sdn. Bhd., one of the largest palm plantation operators in the world, in its sale of eastern Canada’s largest oilseed processing plant to Viterro Inc. for \$190 million.

Plusgrade L.P.

Acted for Plusgrade L.P. and its partners in connection with an investment by Boston-based private equity firm TA Associates and related financing. Plusgrade is a leading provider of revenue solutions to the travel industry, such as seat upgrades and other premium services, through its proprietary software platform.

Felda Global Ventures Holdings Berhad

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Acted as Canadian counsel to Felda Global Ventures Holdings Berhad in connection with its US\$3.1-billion initial public offering on the Malaysian stock exchange.

Access Cash General Partnership

Acted for Access Cash General Partnership, Canada's second-largest network of automated teller machines, and its partners in connection with the sale of the company to Morgan Stanley Global Private Equity.

CSX Transportation, Inc.

Acted for CSX Transportation, Inc., one of the largest railway companies in North America, in connection with its development of an intermodal terminal and other infrastructure projects in the Province of Québec.

Twin Rivers Technologies - Entreprises de Transformation de Graines Oléagineuses du Québec Inc.

Acted for Twin Rivers Technologies - Entreprises de Transformation de Graines Oléagineuses du Québec Inc., a subsidiary of Felda Global Ventures Holdings Sdn Bhd of Malaysia, in connection with its joint venture with Bunge North America to create Bunge ETGO L.P.

BCE Inc.

Acted for BCE Inc. in the sale of its subsidiary Telesat Canada to Public Sector Pension Investment Board and Loral Space & Communications Inc. in a transaction valued at \$3.42 billion.

RECOGNITIONS

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

Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A

Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Corporate Commercial Law; Mergers and Acquisitions

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

Prix du maire—Awarded by the Mayor of Montréal for “exceptional contribution” as a mentor and member of the jury of the Fondation Montréal inc. (2009)

EDUCATION

Université de Montréal, LLB, 1998

McGill University, BComm (Finance), 1992

Clerk, The Honourable Mr. Justice Charles D. Gonthier, Supreme Court of Canada

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Barreau du Québec, Company Law Committee