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## 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 mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital, and corporate finance transactions. He regularly advises leading Canadian businesses in domestic and cross-border transactions, as well as U.S., European, and other international clients investing in Canada through M&A, joint ventures, or greenfield investments.

Earlier in his career, Michel practised corporate and securities law in New York, providing him with practical knowledge of U.S. market practice and a first-hand perspective on complex cross-border matters. Michel is regularly invited to speak at international conferences on M&A and cross-border transactions and is a published author on these topics.

### Recognitions

IFLR1000
Mergers and Acquisitions

Lexpert Special Edition
Finance and M&A; Health Sciences; Technology

Lexpert 500 Cross Border
Mergers & Acquisitions

Lexpert (CLLD)
Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Mid-Market; Mergers and Acquisitions; Private Equity

Best Lawyers Canada
Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice; Corporate Governance Practice; Corporate Law; Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law

Best Lawyers Canada
Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Technology Law; Venture Capital Law

Best Lawyers Canada
Corporate Law
Lawyer of the Year 2026, Montréal

Best Lawyers Canada
Venture Capital Law
Lawyer of the Year 2023 and 2027, Montréal

Best Lawyers Canada
Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
Lawyer of the Year 2022, Montréal

Lexology Index
M&A and Governance; Mergers and Acquisitions

Martindale-Hubbell
Distinguished Rating
For high professional achievement

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## External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
**Co-Chair, American Bar Association, ABA Business Law Fall Meeting 2025, "Cross-Border Carve-Out Transactions: Legal Challenges, Practical Solutions and Best Practices"; Toronto, ON**
Sep 19, 2025

Speaking Engagement
**Co-chair, American Bar Association, ABA Business Law Fall Meeting 2025, "Divided Loyalties? Contrasting Nominee Directors' Duties in Delaware and Abroad"; Toronto, ON**
Sep 18, 2025

Article
**Investment Canada Act: Major Amendments and recent Policy Developments, co-author**
Sep 1, 2024
*Deal Points: The Newsletter of the Mergers and Acquisitions Committee* (American Bar Association)

Article
*Technology M&A 2024*, **Canada chapter, co-author**
Aug 5, 2024
*Panoramic* (Lexology)
Download Article

Article
*Technology M&A 2023*, **Canada chapter, co-author**
Feb 21, 2023
*Getting the Deal Through* (Lexology)
Download Article

Article
*International M&A Due Diligence Manual*, **Second Edition, Canada chapter, co-author**
May 27, 2022
*Mergers and Acquisition Committee* (ABA Publishing) (Available for purchase)
Read More

Speaking Engagement
**Moderator, American Bar Association, Business Law Section Hybrid Annual Meeting, International Business Transactions Subcommittee, "How Supply Chain Disruptions are Impacting M&A Deals"**
Mar 31, 2022

Speaking Engagement
**Moderator, American Bar Association, Business Law Section Annual Meeting, " The Gig Economy and M&A – Traps for the Unwary"; Virtual Meeting**
Sep 22, 2021

Speaking Engagement
**Moderator and speaker, MEGAMIGS-PRO Montréal International Video Game Summit, "Financing or Selling Your Studio – Be prepared!"; Virtual Conference**

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Nov 11, 2020

Article
**The New British Invasion: Will European Deal Terms Rock the U.S. M&A Boat?**
Nov 14, 2019
*Business Law Today*(American Bar Association)
Read More

Speaking Engagement
**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, DC**
Sep 13, 2019

Speaking Engagement
**American Bar Association, Business Law Section, "Minority Exit Rights by Private Equity Investors in Privately Held Companies"; Vancouver, BC**
Mar 28, 2019

Article
**Will Canada Finally End Up with a Securities and Exchange Commission?, co-author**
Feb 1, 2019
*State Regulation of Securities Committee Newsletter* (American Bar Association)

Article
**Private Equity in Canada: Market and Regulatory Overview, co-author**
Jun 1, 2017
Practical Law (Thomson Reuters)

Article
**Venture Capital Investment in Canada: Market and Regulatory Overview, co-author**
Jun 1, 2017
Practical Law (Thomson Reuters)

Speaking Engagement
**The Florida Bar, International Law Section, Annual Convention of Florida Bar, "International Business Expansion from the United States"; Orlando, FL**
Feb 1, 2017

Speaking Engagement
**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 8, 2016

Article
**A Primer on Canadian Foreign Investment Rules including Recent Developments, co-author**
Apr 1, 2016
*Business Law Today*(American Bar Association)

Speaking Engagement
**American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Annual Meeting, "Managing**

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**Legal Risks in Multijurisdictional M&A Transactions"; Chicago, IL**
Sep 19, 2015

Article
**Important Recent Amendments to Canadian Foreign Investment Rules**
Aug 1, 2015
*Middle Market Committee Newsletter* (American Bar Association)

Speaking Engagement
**American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Annual Meeting, "Exiting with an ESOP: A Compelling Exit Strategy for a Privately-Held Business"; Chicago, IL**
Sep 11, 2014

Speaking Engagement
**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 2, 2012

## Insights

Davies Lawyers Recognized by *Best Lawyers*
Sep 3, 2026

Lexpert Recognizes Davies' Health Sciences Expertise
Jul 8, 2026

*Lexpert* Recognizes Davies' Technology Expertise
Jun 5, 2026

*Lexpert* Recognizes Davies' Finance Expertise
Apr 15, 2026

*Lexpert* Recognizes Davies' M&A Expertise
Apr 15, 2026

Lexpert Affirms Davies' Position as a Leading Firm
Mar 17, 2026

*Lexpert Special Edition* Recognizes Davies' Expertise in Technology
Jun 4, 2025

*Lexpert Special Edition* Recognizes Davies' Expertise in Finance
Apr 16, 2025

*Lexpert Special Edition* Recognizes Davies' Expertise in M&A
Apr 16, 2025

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

Enbridge Completes Sale of Interest in Noverco
Dec 30, 2021

*Best Lawyers in Canada* Recognizes 128 Davies Lawyers
Aug 26, 2021

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Ten Davies Partners Recognized as Technology Leaders
Feb 19, 2021

## Education

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

## Bar Admissions

Quebec, 1992

## Board Memberships

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

## Professional Affiliations

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