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Expertise
Employment, Labour and Executive Compensation

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Domestic and international clients rely on Shari to advise on a wide range of employment and labour matters, including all aspects of commercial transactions such as mergers and acquisitions.

Shari uses her expertise in human resource planning to help clients mitigate employment-related legal risks and develop best practices and policies for their workplaces. Shari regularly negotiates contractual arrangements for employers, including employment and consulting agreements, incentive compensation, confidentiality and restrictive covenant terms as well as termination arrangements for departing employees.

Shari represents clients in a variety of judicial and administrative proceedings, including human rights disputes, wrongful dismissal litigation and grievance arbitrations.

Prior to her career in law, Shari spent over a decade in the media industry as a film and television producer.

Representative Work

Brookfield
Acting for **Brookfield** in its acquisition and related financing of Gregg Distributors, a leading industrial MRO distributor in Western Canada, in a transaction valuing the business at approximately C$1.6 billion.

Blackstone Tactical Opportunities
Acted for **Blackstone Tactical Opportunities** in its sale of Onyx-Fire Protection Services, a leading Canadian fire protection and life safety service provider, to NYSE-listed APi Group Corporation.

The Visualize Group
Acted as Canadian counsel to **The Visualize Group**, a private investment firm specializing in mission-critical, services-based companies, in its acquisition of BMM Testlabs, a global leader in testing, inspection, compliance, and certification services for the regulated gaming industry.

Robinhood Markets Inc.
Acted for **Robinhood Markets Inc.** in its C$250-million acquisition of WonderFi Technologies Inc., a Canadian fintech company that operates one of the largest registered crypto asset trading platforms in Canada.

Aecon Utilities Group Inc.
Acted for **Aecon Utilities Group Inc.** in its acquisition of KPC Power Electrical Ltd. and KPC Energy Metering Solutions Ltd., a high-voltage testing, commissioning and metering solutions contractor.

Maistros Shiptrade Limited
Acted as Canadian counsel to **Maistros Shiptrade Limited**, a company affiliated with the Angelicoussis Group, in its acquisition of Altera Shuttle Tankers LLC from Altera Infrastructure Holdings LLC, a leading shuttle tanker provider in Brazil, Canada and the North Sea.

Bureau Veritas

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Acted for **Bureau Veritas** with the EUR$360-million sale of its food testing business to Mérieux NutriSciences.

Phoenix Partners Management Inc.

Acted for **Phoenix Partners Management Inc.** in its acquisition of Launchlife International Inc., a leading franchisor of education platforms and brands, with franchisees located in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

McKesson Corporation

Acted for **McKesson Corporation** in the sale of its Rexall and Well.ca businesses in Canada to Birch Hill Equity Partners.

RAVL Inc.

Acted for the shareholders of **RAVL Inc.**, a provider of advisory and engineering services for the financial services industry, in connection with the sale of 50% of its outstanding shares to MML Capital Partners.

Hellman & Friedman

Acted as Canadian counsel to Hellman & Friedman-backed **AutoScout24**, a European online automotive marketplace, in its acquisition of TRADER Corporation, a Canadian online marketplace also offering dealership and OEM software and lender services for the automotive sector, from Thoma Bravo.

Motif Labs

Acted for **Motif Labs** in its equity and debt financing activities and, ultimately, in its C$90-million sale to Organigram Holdings Inc.

SureKap

Acted as Canadian counsel to **SureKap**, a portfolio company of LFM Capital, in its acquisition of Kraken Automation Inc., a leading provider of automated packaging systems.

Flex Ltd.

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Flex Ltd.** in its US$325-million acquisition of Crown Technical Systems, a provider of integrated power distribution and protection systems.

Blue Wolf Capital Partners LLC

Acted for **Blue Wolf Capital Partners LLC** in its sale of a majority stake in The State Group, a diversified, multi-trade contractor providing construction, electrical, mechanical, maintenance and civil construction services.

Cookin Inc.

Acted for **Cookin Inc.** in its all-stock sale to CookUnity, a U.S.-based chef-made meal delivery startup.

Advance Auto Parts, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Advance Auto Parts, Inc.** in its US$1.5-billion sale of Worldpac, Inc., a wholesale distributor of quality aftermarket replacement automotive parts, to The Carlyle Group Inc.

Ruck Lane Inc.

Acted for **Ruck Lane Inc.**, a real estate-focused venture capital investor, in its strategic partnership with Private Pension Partners, which offers a fully integrated real estate service platform to institutional and high-net-worth clients, including asset

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management, development, property management, leasing and brokerage services.

Atlas Holdings, LLC
Acted for **Atlas Holdings** in its US$120-million acquisition of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.'s Quesnel River pulp mill in British Columbia and Slave Lake pulp mill in Alberta.

Direct Travel, Inc.
Acted as Canadian counsel to **Direct Travel, Inc,** in its sale to a group of investors, including Durable Capital Partners, Madrona Ventures, Top Tier Capital Partners, and Blackstone Credit & Insurance, led by Steve Singh.

Define Capital Inc.
Acted for **Define Capital Inc.** in its C$20-million fundraising and subsequent acquisition of two Ontario-based software companies.

Wolseley Canada Inc.
Acted for **Wolseley Canada Inc.**, the leading wholesale distributor to plumbing, HVAC/R, waterworks and industrial markets in Canada, in its acquisition of Yorkwest Plumbing Supply Inc., a distributor of building and industrial products in the greater Toronto area.

Plusgrade Inc.
Acted for **Plusgrade** in connection with General Atlantic's strategic investment in the ancillary revenue powerhouse. The investment represents a monumental transaction for the global travel tech sector.

Vance Street Capital LLC
Acted for **Vance Street Capital**, a Los Angeles private equity fund, in the sale of Terra Insights, a Vancouver-based geotechnical, structural and geospatial monitoring company, to Orica for cash consideration of C$505 million.

RLH Equity Partners
Acted as Canadian counsel to **RLH Equity Partners**, in its investment in Red Clay Consulting, an Atlanta based business focused on providing software platforms using Oracle Utilities applications.

Mastermind Toys
Acted for **Mastermind Toys**, the largest independent specialty toy and children's book retailer in Canada, in its proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and sale of substantially all of its assets.

Bruker Corporation
Acted for **Bruker Corporation** in its acquisition of Tornado Spectral Systems Inc., a company that provides chemical analysis and measurement systems for Raman spectroscopy primarily used in pharmaceutical, petrochemical, and biotechnology applications.

Revolution Sustainable Solutions Holdings LLC
Acted for **Revolution Sustainable Solutions Holdings LLC**, a portfolio company of Arsenal Capital Partners, in its acquisition of the assets of PolyAg Recycling Ltd., an agricultural plastic recycler in Alberta.

Design World LLC d/b/a WTWH Media, LLC
Acted as Canadian counsel to **Design World LLC d/b/a WTWH Media, LLC**, a Mountaingate Capital portfolio company, in its acquisition via a wholly owned

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Canadian subsidiary of substantially all the assets of Engineering.com Incorporated, a media website operator focused on engineering related content.

Sustana

Acted for **Sustana**, a portfolio company of Blackstone, in its acquisition of Hanna Paper, a high-grade paper recycling company.

Atlas Holdings LLC

Acted for **Atlas Holdings LLC** in its acquisition of Resolute FP Canada Inc.'s pulp, newsprint, and directory paper mill operations in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Ironbridge Equity Partners

Acted for **Ironbridge Equity Partners** in its acquisition (and related financing) of the Gesco Group of Companies, a leading specialty distributor of floor covering solutions across Canada, pursuant to a sale proceeding conducted under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*.

Lakeside Book Company

Acted for **Lakeside Book Company**, a portfolio company of Atlas Holdings, in its acquisition of Marquis Books.

Aecon Group Inc.

Acted for **Aecon Group Inc.** in the sale of its Aecon Transportation East roadbuilding, aggregates and materials business in Ontario to Green Infrastructure Partners Inc. for C$235 million in cash.

Apotex Pharmaceutical Holdings Inc.

Acted as lead transaction and tax counsel to **Apotex Pharmaceutical Holdings Inc.**, a global pharmaceutical company that produces high-quality affordable medicine, in its sale to SK Capital Partners.

Lithium Royalty Corp

Acted for **Lithium Royalty Corp.** in its C$150-million initial public offering of common shares underwritten by a syndicate co-led by Canaccord Genuity Corp and Citigroup Global Markets Canada Inc.

GreenV B.V.

Acted for **Green V B.V.** in its acquisition of JV Energy Solutions Inc., a provider of customer-specific heating, electrical engineering and insulation for the greenhouse horticulture industry.

Cookin

Acted for **Cookin**, a digital marketplace for home chefs, in securing $17-million in growth financing from an investor consortium led by Relay Ventures.

HID Global Corporation

Acted for **HID Global**, a subsidiary of Swedish conglomerate Assa Abloy, in its acquisition of Vancouver-based Guard RFID Solutions, a manufacturer of real-time location systems used in healthcare environments.

DIF Capital Partners

Acted for **DIF Capital Partners**, through its DIF Core Infrastructure Fund III (DIF CIF III), in its acquisition of RFNow Inc., an independent enterprise fiber, residential fiber, fixed wireless internet and phone services provider in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc.

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Acted for **Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc.** in its merger with SolGold plc under a court-approved plan of arrangement, consolidating ownership of the Cascabel project in northern Ecuador.

Bruker Corporation

Acted for **Bruker**, a Nasdaq-listed provider of scientific instruments and analytical and diagnostic solutions, in its acquisition of Neurescence Inc., a Toronto-based innovative provider of optical functional neuroimaging.

Ironbridge Equity Partners

Acted for **Ironbridge Equity Partners** in its acquisition and related financing of North American Produce Buyers Limited, a leading importer and distributor of premium fruit.

Fulcrum Capital Partners

Acted for **Fulcrum Capital Partners** in the merger of its portfolio company, Accucam Machining, with EQI Ltd., a portfolio company of Atlas Holdings, to create a leading global supply chain solution for metal products.

Vance Street Capital

Acted for **Vance Street Capital**, a U.S. private equity firm, and its portfolio company Terra Insights, in its acquisition of NavStar, a Vancouver-based global leader in monitoring technology for automated detection of movement on slopes and structures.

Atlas Holdings, LLC

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Atlas Holdings, LLC**, in its acquisition of Crown Paper Group, which includes Port Townsend Paper Corporation and Crown Corrugated Company, an integrated mill and containerboard operation.

Beringer Capital

Acted for **Beringer Capital** in its acquisition (and related bank financing) of a majority stake in Dig Insights, a Canadian tech-enabled services company that delivers consumer insights and market research consulting, tools and solutions to leading brands across a range of sectors.

KLH Capital

Acted for **KLH Capital** and its affiliates in the acquisition of Thorpe Specialty Services, a maintenance and engineering services provider for petrochemical and industrial markets.

Tegus

Acted for **Tegus**, a leading research platform for investors, with its acquisition of Canalyst, a provider of data and analytics on listed companies.

Barrick Gold Corporation

Acted for **Barrick Gold Corporation** in connection with its US$610-million sale to Kinross Gold Corporation of non-core assets in Nevada, including a 50% interest in the Round Mountain mine and 100% of the Bald Mountain mine, and related arrangements for a new 50-50 exploration joint venture with Kinross that will own a large land package on the Bald Mountain property.

Barrick Gold Corporation

Acted for **Barrick Gold Corporation** in connection with its US$110-million sale to subsidiaries of Waterton Precious Metals Fund II Cayman, LP of a 70% interest in the Spring Valley project and 100% of the Ruby Hill mine located in Nevada.

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Recognitions

Chambers Canada
Employment & Labour: Ontario

Best Lawyers Canada
Labour and Employment Law
Ones to Watch

External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
CACE Corporate Commercial Transactions Committee, “Asset Transactions: Employment Law Toolkit and Practical Strategies”; Online
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Insights

Boroo to Acquire Victoria Gold
Nov 3, 2026

Brookfield to Acquire Gregg Distributors in $1.6 Billion Deal
Jul 22, 2026

Governance Insights: Mission Critical: CEO Succession Planning and Board Stewardship
Jul 22, 2026

Agnico Eagle Adds to Finland Holdings with Trio of Deals Valued at $3.8 Billion
Apr 23, 2026

Employment Law Toolkit for Asset Transactions
Jan 28, 2026

zofiQ Announces Sale to ConnectWise
Jan 22, 2026

New Gold to Merge with Coeur
Nov 4, 2025

Robinhood to Expand into Canada with WonderFi Acquisition
May 14, 2025

Doing Business in Canada
Nov 14, 2023

Education

Osgoode Hall Law School, JD, 2015
Ryerson University, BJourn
University of Toronto, BA

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