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Expertise

Financial Restructuring and Insolvency
Litigation

Bar Admissions

Québec, 2005

Christian is a big-picture thinker who provides insightful and highly efficient solutions.

Christian specializes in financial restructuring and insolvency, litigation and banking. He advises on some of Canada's most complex and intricate restructuring cases, representing lenders, trustees, receivers and retailers. Companies in difficult financial circumstances turn to him for guidance and practical, business-minded advice.

Christian is the president of the Liaison Committee of the Superior Court, Commercial Chamber of the Montréal Bar, and a member of the Emerging Issues and Law Reform Committee of the Insolvency Institute of Canada. He is a lecturer in bankruptcy and insolvency at the McGill University and Université de Sherbrooke law faculties. Christian is the coordinator of the Insolvency practice in our Montréal office. He was a law clerk for the Honourable René Dussault, judge of the Québec Court of Appeal.

Representative Work

Royal Bank of Canada

Acting for the **Royal Bank of Canada** in connection with creditor-led proceedings under the Companies' *Creditors Arrangement Act* in the restructuring and going-concern sale of Premier Health of America Inc., a Québec-based national healthcare staffing group.

Nemaska Lithium Inc.

Acted for **Nemaska Lithium Inc.** in proceedings instituted by Victor Cantore requesting that Nemaska be compelled to convey him a 3% net smelter return royalty on all metals extracted from Nemaska's Whabouchi mine.

Ivanhoé Cambridge Inc. and Oxford Properties Group

Acting for **Ivanhoé Cambridge Inc.** and **Oxford Properties Group** in the restructuring proceedings of Le Château Inc. under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*.

Reitmans (Canada) Limited

Acting for **Reitmans (Canada) Limited**, a TSX-listed clothing retailer with approximately 600 stores across Canada operating under five different banners (Reitmans, Penningtons, Addition Elle, Thyme Maternity and RW&CO), in its restructuring under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*.

Fulcrum Capital Partners Inc.

Acted for Fulcrum Capital Partners Inc. and some of its related entities in the context of **G.I. Sportz**'s restructuring under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, utilizing the relatively rare foreign recognized Canadian receivership proceedings to implement a cross-border asset sale to the purchaser of secured debt.

Fédération des Caisses Desjardins

Acted for **Fédération des Caisses Desjardins** in connection with the cross-border restructuring of Cirque du Soleil under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code as well as the implementation of cash management arrangements and other facilities.

Insolvency Institute of Canada

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Acted for the **Insolvency Institute of Canada** in connection with its intervention before the Québec Court of Appeal in the Québec controversy involving the application of section 243 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* and, more specifically, the right of hypothecary creditors to have a receiver appointed and their obligation to provide timely prior notice of the exercise of a hypothecary right.

Bentley Leathers Inc.

Acted for **Bentley Leathers Inc.**, a Montréal-based luggage, handbags and travel accessories retailer, in its restructuring into a new entity to preserve over 160 of its 250 stores across Canada.

Things Remembered Canada Inc.

Acted for **Things Remembered Inc. (Canada)** and **Things Remembered, Inc. (U.S.)** in their cross-border restructuring proceedings under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* in Canada and Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Deloitte Restructuring Inc.

Acting for **Deloitte Restructuring Inc.** in its capacity as receiver of SPG International Ltd.

Formula E Operations Ltd.

Successfully acted for **Formula E Operations Ltd.** (FEO) in connection with its claims arising from the City of Montréal's decision to cancel the Montréal ePrix. This includes asserting FEO's claims against the City of Montréal and in the bankruptcy proceedings of Montréal C'est Électrique, a non-profit corporation set up by the City for the purposes of acting as promoter of the Montréal ePrix.

Bluberi Group Inc.

Successfully acted for **9354-9186 Québec Inc.** and **9354-9178 Québec Inc.** (formerly known as Bluberi Gaming Technologies Inc. and Bluberi Group Inc.) with regards to (i) appellate proceedings before the Supreme Court of Canada and (ii) their restructuring efforts under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA). The judges of the Supreme Court, on the bench, unanimously ruled in favour of our clients and overturned the Court of Appeal.

RBC Financial Group

Acted for **RBC Financial Group** regarding the financial restructuring of debtors.

Deloitte Restructuring Inc.

Acting for **Deloitte Restructuring Inc.**, in its capacity as trustee to the notice of intention, in the restructuring of BCBG Max Azria Canada Inc. under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.

Royal Bank of Canada

Acting for **Royal Bank of Canada**, the most important secured creditor of Artemano Canada Inc., in the latter's restructuring proceedings under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.

Laurentian Bank of Canada

Acting for **Laurentian Bank of Canada**, one of the debtor's most important secured creditors, in the restructuring of Gestion Eric Savard under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act.*

Interaction Asian Restaurants LP

Acted for **Interaction Asian Restaurant LP**, the Canadian operator of the PF

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Chang's restaurant chain, in its restructuring proceedings under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.

HSBC Bank Canada
Acted for **HSBC Bank Canada** in connection with the restructuring under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* of the Gray Aqua Group, a major aquaculture group of companies with operations in various eastern Canadian provinces.

MEXX Canada Company
Acted for **Mexx Canada Company** in its restructuring proceedings under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.

HSBC Bank Canada
Acting for **HSBC Bank Canada**, the most significant creditor of Béton Brunet and its affiliates, in its restructuring attempt under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* .

RSM Richter and Royal Bank of Canada
Acted for **RSM Richter** and **Royal Bank of Canada** in connection with a personal bankruptcy involving claims of $30 million and the validity of a protective trust.

Ernst & Young Inc.
Acted for **Ernst & Young Inc,** as receiver for Northern Star Mining Corp. and Jake Resources Inc., in connection with a sale of the debtors' assets in the context of proceedings under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.

HSBC Bank Canada
Acting for **HSBC Bank Canada**, a significant creditor of Homburg Invest Inc. and its subsidiaries, in the restructuring attempt of Homburg Invest Inc. under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*.

Samson Bélair/Deloitte & Touche Inc.
Acted for **Samson Bélair/Deloitte & Touche Inc.** as receiver in relation to the environmental aspects of the restructuring of AbitibiBowater (now known as Resolute Forest Products), including the sale of real estate properties in several provinces.

Ingram Micro Inc.
Acted for **Ingram Micro Inc.** in connection with the restructuring of Groupe Dumoulin and its affiliates under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangements Act*.

G.I. Sportz Inc.
Acted for **G.I. Sportz Inc.** in its acquisition of the assets of Procaps LP, a leading paintball manufacturer, and its affiliates in connection with a receivership process.

ExelTech Aerospace Inc.
Acted for ExelTech Aerospace Inc. and related companies in connection with proposals and asset sales under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.

Shermag Inc.
Acted for **Shermag Inc.** and its subsidiaries in connection with its *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* proceedings.

Cinar Corporation
Acted for **Cinar Corporation** by successfully obtaining judgments on behalf of Cinar and its affiliates from the Superior Court and Court of Appeal ordering Paquette & Associés to pay the proceeds from the sale of the residences of Ronald Weinberg

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(which amounted to over $4 million) to the Weinbergs' creditors, including in particular, Cinar.

Adaltis inc.

Acted for **Adaltis Inc.** in proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and subsequent bankruptcy proceedings.

Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC

Acted for **Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC** as monitor of Maax Inc. and its subsidiaries under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and proceedings under Chapter 15 of the U.S. *Bankruptcy Code*.

Cinar Corporation

Acted on behalf of **Cinar Corporation** in significant litigation in Canada and elsewhere involving the recovery of in excess of $100 million in relation to certain unauthorized transactions effected by past directors and officers of the corporation. This litigation also involved multi-jurisdictional safeguard, enforcement and liquidation proceedings.

HSBC Bank Canada

Acting for **HSBC Bank Canada**, the most important guaranteed creditor of ROL Manufacturing (Canada) Ltd. and its subsidiaries, in relation to its restructuring attempt under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* proceedings and United States Chapter 15 proceedings of ROL Manufacturing and its subsidiaries.

Laurentian Bank of Canada

Acted for **Laurentian Bank of Canada**, a significant secured creditor of Groupe de Scieries GDS and its subsidiaries, in their restructuring attempt under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*. Davies was successful in obtaining for the Bank significant modifications to the Initial Order, which led to the Bank's claim being purchased by another creditor.

Amcor Limited

Acted for **Amcor Limited** in the sale of its White Cap business in Europe, Asia, Brazil and the US to Silgan Holdings Inc. for a base price of $230 million.

Cinar Corporation

Acted for **Cinar Corporation** and its affiliates, in the context of a litigation for over $100 million in damages, where an *ex parte* worldwide asset freezing injunction was obtained against two defendants who were the companies' past directors, Ronald Weinberg and the Estate of his late wife Micheline Charest, and related parties. Leave to appeal this decision was denied by both the Québec Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Recognitions

Chambers Global
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Benchmark Canada
Insolvency
Litigation Star

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Benchmark Canada Awards
Impact Case of the Year
2020

IFLR1000
Restructuring and Insolvency

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Restructuring and Insolvency Lawyer of the Year
2020

Lexpert 500 Cross Border
Insolvency and Financial Restructuring

Lexpert Rising Stars
Leading Lawyers 40 and Under
2020

Lexpert Special Edition
Restructuring and Insolvency

Lexpert (CLLD)
Insolvency and Financial Restructuring: Insolvency Litigation

Best Lawyers Canada
Banking and Finance Law; Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Best Lawyers Canada
Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law

External Engagements

In the News
Interview, *Lexpert Special Edition: Insolvency and Restructuring*, **"CCAA Restructuring Evolves as New Tools Gain Ground."; Web Publication**
Oct 7, 2026
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Speaking Engagement
Insolvency Insider, "Q4 2021: Capping Off Another Bizarre Year in Insolvency"; Webcast
Feb 1, 2022

Speaking Engagement
Insolvency Institute of Canada, 2021 National Conference, "Sea to Sea I / East (Atlantic Canada & Quebec)"; Webcast
Nov 4, 2021

Speaking Engagement
Le Conseil des Syndics de faillite du Québec, L'Association québécoise des professionnels de la réorganisation et de l'insolvabilité Annual Conference, "Jurisprudential Assessment on Commercial Insolvency"; Montréal QC
Nov 20, 2013

Speaking Engagement
The Canadian Institute, conference, "Canada-wide review of decisions of the last year and their impact on your practice"; Montréal, QC

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Oct 26, 2013

Speaking Engagement
Insight Information, conference, "Jurisprudential Assessment on Commercial Insolvency"; Montréal, QC
Sep 27, 2012

Insights

Bill C-39 May Narrow WEPPA Access in Reverse Vesting Orders
Nov 4, 2026

Christian Lachance on CCAA Restructuring for *Lexpert*
Oct 14, 2026

Lexpert Highlights Davies' Expertise in Insolvency and Restructuring
Oct 7, 2026

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

Equity Investors Gain New Rights Under CCAA
May 25, 2026

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

Lexpert Recognizes Davies' Restructuring Expertise
Oct 1, 2025

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes Davies
May 1, 2025

Doing Business in Canada
Nov 14, 2023

Davies Recognized in *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
Nov 29, 2021

Davies Advises on Restructuring & Insolvency Deal of the Year at IFLR1000 Canada and United States Awards
Sep 22, 2021

Six Davies Litigators Named in *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 & Under List 2021
Jul 21, 2021

Christian Lachance Speaks to *La Presse* About Impact of Subsidy Cuts on Business Restructurings
Jul 21, 2021

Top Court Denies Leave to Appeal in Contested Application for a Reverse Vesting Order in Nemaska Restructuring Proceedings
Apr 30, 2021

Davies Litigators Achieve Top Ranking in*Benchmark Canada* 2021
Apr 28, 2021

Natasha MacParland and Christian Lachance Discuss Davies' Insolvency Study with *Canadian Lawyer*
Jan 15, 2021

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Education

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Bar Admissions

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Community Involvement

Barreau de Montréal, Liaison Committee of the Superior Court Commercial Division, past president
Insolvency Institute of Canada, Emerging Issues and Law Reform Committee

Teaching Engagements

Christian is a lecturer in bankruptcy and insolvency at the McGill University and Université de Sherbrooke law faculties.

Professional Affiliations

Barreau de Montréal
Cambridge University Commonwealth Society
Insolvency Institute of Canada
International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL International)
Turnaround Management Association