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Expertise
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John is developing a comprehensive corporate practice.

John has assisted on a range of transactions, including public and private mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, financings, corporate governance and other corporate matters.

Representative Work

Aecon Group Inc.
Acted for **Aecon Group Inc.** in its $320-million acquisition of the convertible preferred equity investment in Aecon Utilities Group Inc. held by funds managed by the Power Opportunities strategy of Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its property-level arrangements with and investment in Idaho-based Scout Discoveries Corp., which included an earn-in agreement on Scout's Elk City projects, an option to enter into an earn-in agreement in respect of Scout's Muldoon project and a concurrent equity investment in Scout.

Hydrostor Inc.
Acted for **Hydrostor Inc.**, a leading developer and operator of long duration energy storage systems, in securing a US$230-million equity financing commitment from Canada Growth Fund Inc., Goldman Sachs Alternatives and CPP Investments.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its purchase from Prism Resources Inc. of a 7.5% net profit interest royalty over certain claims forming part of Agnico Eagle’s Detour Lake property.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its C$2.9-billion acquisition, by way of plan of arrangement, of Rupert Resources Ltd., for Agnico Eagle shares and contingent value rights, as part of a comprehensive consolidation of properties in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt of Northern Finland that establishes Finland as a multi-asset, multi-decade regional platform within Agnico Eagle's portfolio.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its C$481-million acquisition, by way of plan of arrangement, of Aurion Resources Ltd., as part of a comprehensive consolidation of properties in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt of Northern Finland that establishes Finland as a multi-asset, multi-decade regional platform within Agnico Eagle's portfolio.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited in** its strategic alliance and earn-in agreements with Cascadia Minerals Ltd. to form a strategic alliance regarding generative exploration and an opportunity to earn in to property-level joint venture in respect of properties in the Yukon, together with a concurrent equity investment in Cascadia and the negotiation of an investor rights agreement.

Datavault AI Inc.
Acting as Canadian counsel to **Datavault AI Inc.**, a leading data management software company, in their US$94.5-million acquisition of CyberCatch Holdings, a San Diego-based cybersecurity company operating an AI-enabled SaaS platform.

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Avenir Metals Limited

Acting for **Avenir Metals Limited**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, in its joint venture with Grid Metals Corp. for the exploration and development of the Falcon West cesium property located in southeastern Manitoba.

CVC DIF

Acted for **CVC DIF** in its acquisition of CARMA Corp., a Canadian submetering and essential building services platform, from TerraNova Partners.

Le Carrefour Laval Rec Inc.

Acted for **Le Carrefour Laval Rec Inc.**, a Cadillac Fairview entity, in its C$525-million offering of first mortgage Series A bonds.

Hydrostor Inc.

Acted for **Hydrostor Inc.**, a leading developer and operator of long duration energy storage systems, in securing a US$150 million convertible note financing commitment from Canada Growth Fund Inc. ("CGF"), Goldman Sachs Alternatives, and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and an additional US$50 million convertible development expenditure loan facility from CGF.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its acquisition of O3 Mining Inc. by way of a friendly take-over bid valued at C$204 million.

Aecon Utilities Group Inc.

Acted for **Aecon Utilities Group Inc.** in its acquisition of Ainsworth Power Construction, an electrical services and power systems business, from GDI Integrated Facility Services Inc.

Pine Valley Packaging Group

Acted for the sellers in the sale of **Pine Valley Packaging Group**, a group of companies specializing in the design and manufacture of custom packaging solutions, to a joint venture by Konoike Transport Co., Ltd. and Kanepackage Co., Ltd.

Generac Power Systems, Inc.

Acted for **Generac Power Systems, Inc.** in its purchase of Powerplay Battery Energy Storage Systems, a division of SunGrid Solutions Inc.

Define Capital Inc.

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

FTI Consulting Canada Inc.

Acted for FTI Consulting Canada Inc., as the neutral, court-appointed monitor of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and affiliates, in Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and Chapter 15 U.S. Bankruptcy Code proceedings involving a historic C$32.5-billion settlement of tobacco-related liabilities.

Aecon Group Inc.

Acted for **Aecon Group Inc.** in the C$150-million strategic preferred equity investment in Aecon Utilities Group Inc. by funds managed by the Power Opportunities strategy of Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.

Industrial and Financial Systems AB

Acted for **Industrial and Financial Systems AB** in its acquisition of Poka Inc., a

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Québec-based provider of connected worker platform software.

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.

Valley Fiber Ltd.

Acted for **Valley Fiber**, a portfolio company of DIF Capital, with the establishment of credit facilities by a syndicate of lenders led by National Bank of Canada.

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.

LKQ Corporation

Acted as Canadian counsel to **LKQ Corporation** in its C$2.8-billion acquisition of Uni-Select Inc.

Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc.

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.

Valley Fiber Ltd.

Acted for **Valley Fiber**, a portfolio company of DIF Capital, in its acquisition of Commstream GigaLinks, an independent internet service provider in Manitoba.

Elliott Investment Management L.P.

Acted for **Elliott Investment Management L.P.** in its accumulation of a material stake in Suncor Energy and subsequent engagement with Suncor culminating in an agreement (i) to appoint three new directors immediately with a potential fourth to be added depending on Suncor's performance against its peers, (ii) to participate on Suncor's CEO search committee, and (iii) to form a board committee to conduct a strategic review of Suncor's downstream retail business.

Valley Fiber Ltd.

Acted for **Valley Fiber**, a portfolio company of DIF Capital, in its acquisition of Waterside Wireless, an independent internet service provider in Manitoba.

Tegus

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

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its acquisition of a 35% interest in Green Star Royalties Ltd., a company focused on the origination of carbon sequestration projects and other green technology opportunities. In connection with its investment, Agnico was granted certain investor rights, including representation on Green Star's board and an ability to co-invest alongside Green Star in its future projects and investments.

Birch Hill Equity Partners

Acted for **Birch Hill Equity Partners** in its joint acquisition (and related financing)

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with Investissement Québec of Polycor Inc., the largest quarrier of natural stone in the world.

IAMGold Corporation

Acted for **IAMGold Corporation** in its engagement with Resource Capital Fund and subsequent entry into a Collaboration Agreement to appoint additional independent directors to the board.

Hydrostor Inc.

Acted for **Hydrostor Inc.**, a developer of Advanced Compressed Air Energy Storage (A-CAES) projects, in securing a US$250-million preferred equity financing commitment from Goldman Sachs Asset Management - one of the largest investments in the emerging long-duration energy storage sector.

Mantle Ridge LP

Acted for **Mantle Ridge LP** in its accumulation of a material equity stake in Dollar Tree and subsequent engagement with Dollar Tree culminating in an agreement to appoint seven new directors, including Richard Dreiling, as executive chair, and Paul Hilal, founder and CEO of Mantle Ridge LP, as vice chair.

WeCommerce Holdings Ltd.

Acted for **WeCommerce Holdings Ltd.** in its up to US$110-million acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Stamped.io Pte. Ltd., a leading Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) platform that enables online merchants to implement and manage customer reviews and loyalty programs.

WESCO International Inc.

Acted for **WESCO International Inc.** in the sale of its legacy WESCO Datacom business in Canada to Guillevin International, a Canadian distributor of industrial products.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its all-cash acquisition of TMAC Resources Inc. by way of assignment to Agnico Eagle from Shandong Gold of an arrangement agreement between Shandong Gold and TMAC pursuant to a court-approved plan of arrangement under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario). The transaction had a total equity value of approximately C$287 million and, in connection with the acquisition, Agnico Eagle also retired TMAC's outstanding debt and deferred interest of approximately US$135 million.

WESCO International Inc.

Acted for **WESCO International Inc.** in the sale of its legacy WESCO Utility business in Canada to Rexel Canada, a wholly owned subsidiary of France's Rexel Group.

The Pallinghurst Group

Acted for **The Pallinghurst Group**, a private investor in the global natural resources sector, in its joint 50-50 acquisition with Investissement Québec of Québec-based Nemaska Lithium Inc. pursuant to a sales process under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*. The acquisition was structured as a credit bid with Nemaska's largest secured creditor, Orion Mine Finance, and achieved through a reverse vesting order granted by the Superior Court of Québec and upheld by the Québec Court of Appeal.

Northleaf Capital Partners

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Acted for **Northleaf Capital Partners** in its strategic sale of a non-controlling interest to Mackenzie Financial Corporation, a subsidiary of IGM Financial Inc., and Great-West Lifeco Inc.

Recognitions

University of Toronto
Lionel H. Schipper, Q.C. Prize

Insights

Hydrostor Secures US$230 Million to Progress Projects
Aug 17, 2026

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

Hydrostor Secures Growth Financing from Goldman Sachs
Jan 10, 2022

Education

University of Toronto, JD (with Distinction), 2020
Macalester College, BA (Cum Laude), 2014

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