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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