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Expertise
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Private Client

Bar Admissions
Québec, 2015

Clients rely on Olivia's proven track record of navigating complex tax matters in transactional and advisory contexts.

Olivia advises domestic and international clients on the tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations, corporate finance and real estate transactions. Her clients include public and private companies and their shareholders, as well as private equity and pension funds, and her industry experience spans life sciences, technology, gaming, finance, real estate and infrastructure. She also has expertise in advising high-net-worth clients and family offices on trusts and estate planning matters.

Representative Work

Plenary Americas
Acted for **Plenary Americas** in its C$1.2-billion take-private acquisition of Information Services Corporation, a leading provider of public data registry and information management services, and its related engagement with the Government of Saskatchewan with respect to legislative amendments to facilitate the transaction.

ANJAC Health & Beauty
Acted for **ANJAC Health & Beauty**, a French industrial group specializing in the formulation, manufacturing and filling of cosmetics, medical devices, drugs and food supplements, on its C$150-million sale of Ontario-based Pillar5 Pharma to Prestige Consumer Healthcare Inc, a company listed on the NYSE.

Hypixel Studios
Acted for **Hypixel Studios**, in its acquisition of the Hytale game and related assets from Riot Games, a Los Angeles–based video game developer, publisher, and esports tournament organizer and a subsidiary of Tencent.

Birch Hill Equity Partners and Brookfield Asset Management
Acted for **Birch Hill Equity Partners** and **Brookfield Asset Management** in their C$2.9-billion acquisition (and related financing) of First National Financial Corporation, one of Canada's largest non-bank mortgage originators and underwriters.

Mountaingate Capital Management II. L.P.
Acted for **Mountaingate Capital Management II, L.P.** in the sale of its interest in Damotech Inc., a leading rack safety manufacturer, to an affiliate of Vance St. Capital

Resolute Forest Products
Acted for **Resolute Forest Products** in the sale of its sawmill located in Rivière-aux-rats, Quebec to Arbec, Bois d'oeuvre Inc.

Knight Therapeutics Inc.
Acted for **Knight Therapeutics Inc.** in its C$120-million acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Paladin Pharma Inc. to expand its Canadian business.

Beanfield Technologies Inc.
Acted for **Beanfield Technologies Inc.** and its subsidiaries in connection with the securitization of certain fibre network asset and related customer contracts through the private placement of C$565-million of secured fibre network funding notes.

Vortex Companies

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Acted for **Vortex Companies**, a Quad-C Management, Inc. portfolio company and global leader in trenchless infrastructure solutions, in its acquisition of Foraction Inc., Quebec's leading trenchless watermain rehabilitation contractor, from Groupe Michaudville.

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 National Fire Equipment Ltd. and National Fire Fabrication Ltd., a leader of fire and fabrication products and services across Canada.

The Bidvest Group Limited

Acted for **The Bidvest Group Limited**, a South African publicly-traded company, in its acquisition of 100% of Citron Hygiene LP, a provider of washroom hygiene products and services in the U.S., Canada and UK, from Birch Hill Equity Partners and other investors.

Novum Legal Inc.

Acted for the shareholders of **Novum Legal** in the sale of their interest in Novum.

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.

InterRent Real Estate Investment Trust

Acted for **InterRent Real Estate Investment Trust**with its C$107 million purchase of a multiresidential property located in Montréal, Québec.

Long Span Partners, LLC

Acted for the shareholders of **Risk Control Technologies Inc.**, Toronto-based leading provider of risk management and loss control solutions to the insurance industry, in the sale of a 100% interest to Duck Creek Technologies Inc.

The Aaron's Company, Inc.

Acted for **The Aaron's Company, Inc,** in its sale to IQVentures Holdings, LLC in an all cash transaction valuing Aaron's at approximately US$504 million.

Oxford Properties Group and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board

Acted for **Oxford Properties Group** and **Canada Pension Plan Investment Board** in its C$325-million sale of Les Galeries de le Capitale, a super regional enclosed shopping centre located in Quebec City, to Primaris Real Estate Investment Trust.

The Blackstone Group

Acted for funds affiliated with **Blackstone** in its acquisition of Trystar, a premier provider of electrical equipment used for backup power solutions.

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.

Mondi plc

Acted for **Mondi plc**, a global leader in the production of sustainable packaging and paper, in its acquisition of the Hinton Pulp mill from West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (West

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Fraser) and its long-term partnership with West Fraser to access local, high-quality fibre from well-established wood basket, as well as with Mondi plc's plans to invest €400 million in the expansion of Hinton.

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

Mountaingate Capital

Acted for **Mountaingate Capital Management II, L.P.** in its strategic investment in Damotech inc., a leading rack safety manufacturer.

Mountaingate Capital

Acted for **Mountaingate Capital Management II, L.P.** in its strategic investment in Bond Brand Loyalty Group, a leading marketing, customer experience and loyalty software management group.

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.

Interfor Corporation

Acted for **Interfor Corporation** in its acquisition for over C$325-million of 100% of the equity interests of Kilmer Group-backed Chaleur Forest Products entities.

SPS Commerce, Inc.

Acted for **SPS Commerce, Inc.**, an American retail cloud services company, in its US$49-million acquisition of InterTrade Systems Inc., a Canadian SaaS commerce technology solutions company, from mdf commerce inc.

IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.

Acted for **IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.**, a leader in the design, development and marketing of diagnostic test instruments to monitor animal health and analyze dairy products and water, in its acquisition of the assets of Pathogen Detection Systems, Inc.

Claridge Inc.

Acted for **Claridge Food Group** in its C$40-million investment in WeCook Meals, the leading ready-to-eat food processor in Québec and Ontario.

Birch Hill Equity Partners

Acted for **Birch Hill Equity Partners** in its joint acquisition (and related financing) with Investissement Québec of Polycor Inc., the largest quarrier of natural stone in the world.

Interfor Corporation

Acted for **Interfor Corporation** in its $490-million acquisition of 100% of the equity interests of Kelso & Company-backed EACOM Timber Corporation.

Sobeys Inc.

Acted for **Sobeys Inc.** in the acquisition of a majority interest in Ricardo Media Inc. and in connection with the related shareholders, use of intellectual property and

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employment arrangements.

Tryg A/S

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Tryg A/S** in connection with its £7.2-billion joint bid with Intact Financial Corporation to acquire RSA Insurance Group plc.

Warner Media, LLC

Acted for **Warner Media, LLC** in its indirect acquisition, by way of plan of arrangement, of all of the issued and outstanding shares of You i Labs Inc., a leading provider of cross-platform development tools for television and media companies.

Hypixel Studios Inc.

Acted for the founders of video game studio **Hypixel Studios Inc**. in its sale to Riot Games, Inc. a game developer and publisher best known for *League of Legends*.

Family Shareholders of Dorel Industries Inc.

Acting for **the controlling family shareholders**, who partnered with Cerberus Capital Management, L.P. in the privatization of Dorel Industries Inc., a TSX-listed company, by way of plan of arrangement.

Bank of Montreal

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Bank of Montreal and a syndicate of lenders** in connection with the refinancing of the (i) US$900 million term loan and the (ii) C$575 million revolving credit facility made available to certain wholly-owned subsidiaries of BRP Inc.

Joseph Ribkoff Inc.

Acted for a principal shareholder in the sale of **Joseph Ribkoff Inc.** to a group of investors led by Novacap Industries and Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs du Québec (F.T.Q.).

Mario Montminy et al.

Successfully represented **Mario Montminy and others** at the Federal Court of Appeal against the Canada Revenue Agency in a stock option deduction dispute. The court sided with the taxpayers on the eligibility of their deductions.

Claridge Inc.

Acted for **Claridge Inc.** in connection with its sale to C.H. Guenther & Son, Inc. of Les Plats du Chef, a Canada-based frozen meal and snack business.

Alstom Transport Canada Inc.

Acted for **Alstom Transport Canada Inc.** in connection with the supply of light rail vehicles for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, to Metrolinx, an agency of the Government of Ontario, for a value of $529 million.

The Sentient Group

Acted for **The Sentient Group** in the going-private transaction of Era Resources Inc. effected through a plan of arrangement.

BELLUS Health Inc.

Acted for **BELLUS Health Inc**. in connection with the sale of its wholly owned subsidiary, Thallion Pharmaceuticals Inc., to Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc., including all the rights to the drug candidate ShigamabT.

Alre Properties Inc.

Acted for **Alre Properties Inc.** in connection with the sale to Fiera Properties Core

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Fund LP of a portfolio of nine commercial properties located in Québec and one commercial property located in Ontario.

Locemia Solutions ULC

Acted for **Locemia Solutions ULC** in connection with the acquisition by Eli Lilly and Company of substantially all of Locemia's assets associated with the research and commercialization of the first needle-free rescue treatment of severe hypoglycemia.

Merrimac Manufacturing Co. Inc.

Acted for **Merrimac Manufacturing Co. Inc.** and **First Lasalle Equities Corporation** in connection with the sale and leaseback to Skyline Commercial Real Estate Holding Inc. of five commercial properties located in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec.

Confidential Client

Acting before the Tax Court of Canada for one of Canada's largest businesses, having over 15,000 employees and operational divisions in multiple economic sectors, in a dispute with the Canada Revenue Agency with respect to SR & ED tax credits.

The Greenberg family

Acted for certain members of the **Greenberg family**, controlling shareholder of Astral Media Inc., in connection with the $3.38-billion acquisition of Astral Media by BCE Inc.

Recognitions

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External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
International Fiscal Association, IFA Canada International Tax Conference, “Taxable Canadian Property and Section 116”; Toronto, ON
May 27, 2025

Speaking Engagement
Accountants Study Group, “Potpourri of Recent Tax Measures”; Montréal, QC
Nov 7, 2023

Speaking Engagement
PAC Seminar 2023, “New Housing Measures: Underused Housing Tax and Prohibition on Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians”; Montréal, QC
Jun 13, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Canadian Tax Foundation, 74th Annual Tax Conference, “Family Offices – Tax and Other Considerations with Running an Effective Family Office”
Nov 27, 2022

Speaking Engagement
Accountant Study Group, “Canadian Legislative and Technical Tax Update”; Montréal, QC
Jan 18, 2022

Speaking Engagement
Tax Executives Institute, Montréal Chapter, “Québec Tax Disclosure”; Webinar

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Oct 26, 2021

Speaking Engagement
Association de planification fiscale et financière, Annual Conference 2021, "What you should know before changing the trustee or beneficiary of your trust"; Webcast
Oct 8, 2021

Article
The Family Office of Tomorrow: A Canadian Perspective, co-author
Aug 1, 2021
Bulletin for International Taxation, Vol. 75, No. 8 (IBFD) (Available for purchase)
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Was There a "Liquidation and Dissolution"? A (Corporate) Existential Question, co-author
Jun 1, 2021
International Tax Newsletter, No. 118 (Wolters Kluwer)
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Dec 23, 2019
Tax Notes International, Vol. 96, No. 12 (Tax Analysts)
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Oct 28, 2019
Tax Notes International, Vol. 96, No. 4 (Tax Analysts)
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Buy, Bump, and Run With a Twist, co-author
Jun 1, 2018
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CRA Confirms Interpretation of Cap B in Partnership Context
Feb 1, 2018
Canadian Tax Focus, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Canadian Tax Foundation)
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Davies Lawyers Recognized by *Best Lawyers*
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Plenary Acquires ISC in $1.2 Billion Deal
Jul 8, 2026

New Rules and Reporting Requirements Coming for the Real Estate Sector
Dec 23, 2022

Federal Budget 2022: Tax Highlights
Apr 8, 2022

Sobeys Invests in Majority Stake in RICARDO Media
Aug 16, 2021

2021 Federal Budget: Tax Highlights
Apr 20, 2021

Montréal: North America's Video Gaming Studio Metropolis
Feb 17, 2021

Education

Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, In-Depth Tax Course, Levels I, II & III, 2019
McGill University, BCL/LLB (Dean's Honour List), 2014
McGill University, BComm, 2010

Bar Admissions

Québec, 2015

Community Involvement

The Jewish Community Foundation of Montréal, PAC Seminar 2025, co-chair