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"Our goal as a firm is to pursue innovation and excellence on behalf of our clients while tackling their most critical matters as if they were our own."

Managing Partner in Montréal, Philippe leads our Québec team – dedicated, as always, to embracing our clients' high-stakes challenges and providing them with innovative, clear and efficient solutions.

A banker before he became a lawyer, Philippe has spent almost two decades advising leading companies — Canadian, U.S. and international — on their most important Canadian investments. He has advised clients on mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, private placements, financings, corporate reorganizations, joint ventures and other major projects. Cross-border and international deals are a significant area of focus.

Philippe has been a member of our Management Committee since 2012. He is currently the Chair of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, which promotes the prosperity of the city and its businesses as well as a director of Fondation Serge Marcil, which focuses on improving the well-being of children in Haiti and Africa.

Representative Work

Logiciels Metrio Inc.
Acted for **Logiciels Metrio Inc.**, a Montréal-based ESG reporting and analytics firm, in its sale to Nasdaq, Inc., a global technology company.

Kruger Inc. Master Trust
Acted for **Kruger Inc. Master Trust** in connection with the sale of Lidya Energy, a power plant located in Lachute, Québec, that transforms the biogas released at a landfill site into electricity, to Energy Developments (Canada) Inc., a subsidiary of Energy Developments Pty Limited, a member of Australia's DUET group.

Communauto Inc.
Acted for **Communauto Inc**., one of the largest car-sharing services in the world, in connection with an investment by Automobiles Peugeot and MKB Partners Fund.

Felda Global Ventures Holdings Sdn. Bhd.
Acted for Malaysia's **Felda Global Ventures Holdings Sdn. Bhd.,** one of the largest palm plantation operators in the world, in its sale of eastern Canada's largest oilseed processing plant to Viterra Inc. for $190 million.

Plusgrade L.P.
Acted for **Plusgrade L.P.** and its partners in connection with an investment by Boston-based private equity firm TA Associates and related financing. Plusgrade is a leading provider of revenue solutions to the travel industry, such as seat upgrades and other premium services, through its proprietary software platform.

Felda Global Ventures Holdings Berhad
Acted as Canadian counsel to **Felda Global Ventures Holdings Berhad** in connection with its US$3.1-billion initial public offering on the Malaysian stock exchange.

Access Cash General Partnership

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Acted for **Access Cash General Partnership**, Canada's second-largest network of automated teller machines, and its partners in connection with the sale of the company to Morgan Stanley Global Private Equity.

CSX Transportation, Inc.

Acted for **CSX Transportation, Inc.,** one of the largest railway companies in North America, in connection with its development of an intermodal terminal and other infrastructure projects in the Province of Québec.

Twin Rivers Technologies - Entreprises de Transformation de Graines Oléagineuses du Québec Inc.

Acted for **Twin Rivers Technologies - Entreprises de Transformation de Graines Oléagineuses du Québec Inc.**, a subsidiary of Felda Global Ventures Holdings Sdn Bhd of Malaysia, in connection with its joint venture with Bunge North America to create Bunge ETGO L.P.

BCE Inc.

Acted for **BCE Inc.** in the sale of its subsidiary Telesat Canada to Public Sector Pension Investment Board and Loral Space & Communications Inc. in a transaction valued at $3.42 billion.

Eric Molson and Pentland Securities (1981) Inc.

Acted for **Eric Molson** and **Pentland Securities (1981) Inc.** regarding the Molson Inc. merger with Adolph Coors Company in a transaction valued at $7.7 billion.

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.

Acted for **Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc**. on its acquisition of The Circle K Corp. in a transaction valued at $1.06 billion.

Recognitions

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Lexpert Special Edition
Infrastructure; M&A

Lexpert (CLLD)
Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Mid-Market; Mergers and Acquisitions

Best Lawyers Canada
Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Prix du maire
Awarded by the Mayor of Montréal
2009 - For “exceptional contribution” as a mentor and member of the jury of the Fondation Montréal inc.

Insights

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

Lexpert Recognizes Davies’ M&A Expertise
Apr 15, 2026

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

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Lexpert Special Edition Recognizes Davies' Expertise in Infrastructure
Apr 30, 2025

Philippe Johnson Discusses Law Firm Diversity and Engagement in *Les Affaires*
May 14, 2021

Education

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McGill University, BComm (Finance), 1992
Clerk, The Honourable Mr. Justice Charles D. Gonthier, Supreme Court of Canada

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Board Memberships

Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal
Fondation Serge Marcil, director

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Barreau du Québec