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A skilled commercial negotiator and tax advisor, Sharon brings big-picture understanding to her clients' most complex transactions.

Sharon advises on domestic and international tax aspects of fund formation, cross-border transactions and mergers and acquisitions. Known for her deep technical knowledge, she advises clients in private equity, venture capital, private credit and real estate. She also works closely with financial institutions and private and public companies.

Canadian and foreign fund sponsors turn to Sharon for her expertise with fund structuring, management compensation and transactional matters. She also provides tax structuring advice to family offices and high-net-worth individuals.

Sharon acts pro bono for the Canadian Soccer Players Association and various charitable organizations. As an articling student, she clerked for judges of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto.

Sharon is a member of the Toronto Student Committee.

Representative Work

The Visualize Group
Acted as Canadian counsel to **The Visualize Group**, a private investment firm specializing in mission-critical, services-based companies, in its acquisition of BMM Testlabs, a global leader in testing, inspection, compliance, and certification services for the regulated gaming industry.

Barrick Mining Corporation
Acted for **Barrick Mining Corporation** in the sale of the Hemlo Gold Mine to Carcetti Capital Corp., which is to be renamed to Hemlo Mining Corp. upon closing of the transaction, for up to US$1.09 billion.

Birch Hill Equity Partners
Acted as lead counsel for **Birch Hill Equity Partners** in the formation of its seventh flagship fund, Birch Hill Equity Partners VII, which raised C$2.6 billion and is currently being deployed.

Keewaywin Capital Inc.
Acted for **Keewaywin Capital Inc.** in the formation of its inaugural private credit fund, Keewaywin Capital Fund I LP, focused on accelerating the construction of Indigenous housing across Canada.

Barrick Gold Corporation
Acted for **Barrick Gold Corporation** in the US$1.1-billion sale of its 50% interest in the Donlin Gold Project in Alaska to affiliates of Paulson Advisers LLC and NOVAGOLD Resources Inc., with an option for NOVAGOLD to purchase related debt.

Northleaf Capital Partners
Acted for **Northleaf Capital Partners** in connection with the formation of Northleaf Private Credit III, a closed-end credit fund focused on mid-market corporate direct lending and asset-based specialty finance investments.

Terra Firma Capital Corporation and Dwight Capital

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Acted for **Terra Firma Capital Corporation and Dwight Capital** in the formation of Terra Dwight Residential Credit Fund III, an open-ended fund which facilitates the financing of the acquisition and development of residential land in the U.S.

Flex Ltd.

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Flex Ltd.** in its US$325-million acquisition of Crown Technical Systems, a provider of integrated power distribution and protection systems.

Ruck Lane Inc.

Acted for **Ruck Lane Inc.**, a real estate-focused venture capital investor, in its strategic partnership with Private Pension Partners, which offers a fully integrated real estate service platform to institutional and high-net-worth clients, including asset management, development, property management, leasing and brokerage services.

Ironbridge Equity Partners

Acted for **Ironbridge Equity Partners** in its sale of Alumni Educational Solutions, a leading manufacturer and distributor of educational furniture, to an equity consortium led by Castle Harlan.

A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund

Acted for **A&W Revenue Royalties Income Fund** in its strategic combination with A&W Food Services of Canada to create a leading publicly-traded quick-service restaurant company.

Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc.

Acted for **Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc.** in its C$1.7-billion sale to 16133258 Canada Inc., a newly-formed and wholly owned subsidiary of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, implemented by way of a court-approved plan of arrangement under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*.

Russel Metals Inc.

Acted for **Russel Metals Inc.** in the establishment of a $600 million credit facility.

AFC Toronto

Acted for **AFC Toronto**, Toronto's first professional women's soccer club, in its brand launch of the Northern Super League, a new Canadian women's pro soccer league that kicked off a 25-game season in April 2025 with franchises in Ottawa, Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto, Halifax and Calgary. By providing expertise and time pro bono, Davies laid a strong foundation for the club and took the lead in negotiating and documenting the deal to form the league. This work is one of several pro bono mandates that we have taken on relating to women in sports.

Golden Venture Partners

Acted for **Golden Ventures** in connection with the formation of its fifth fund, Golden Ventures V, a leading seed-stage venture capital fund investing across North America.

Grup Mediapro S.L.U.

Acted for **Grup Mediapro S.L.U.** in a litigation settlement with CSB, LP, culminating in a transaction pursuant to which Mediapro sold its Canadian business, consisting of the OneSoccer Channel, to CSB.

Russel Metals Inc.

Acted for **Russel Metals Inc.** in its C$225-million acquisition of seven service centers from Samuel, Son & Co., five of which are located in Western Canada and two in the

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United States.

Apotex International Inc.

Acted as lead tax counsel and Canadian transaction counsel to **Apotex International Inc.**, a global pharmaceutical company that produces high-quality affordable medicine, in the sale of a 50% interest in Arrotex Pharmaceuticals (Australia) to DBG Health.

Connor Clark & Lunn Infrastructure

Acted as tax counsel to **Connor Clark & Lunn Infrastructure** in its acquisition of Landmark Student Transportation, a leading student transportation businesses in North America.

Ironbridge Equity Partners

Acted for **Ironbridge Equity Partners** in the first and final closing of its fourth private equity fund, Ironbridge Equity Partners IV, LP, which raised $383 million from investors globally and surpassed its $325-million target.

AirBoss of America Corp.

Acted for **AirBoss of America Corp.** in its US$42.5-million acquisition and related financing of Ace Elastomer, Inc., a leading North American custom rubber compounder.

Birch Hill Equity Partners

Acted for **Birch Hill Equity Partners** in the sale of Bio Agri Mix, LP, Canada's largest manufacturer and distributor of medicated feed additives and water-soluble medications for livestock, to DW Healthcare Partners.

Russel Metals Inc.

Acted for **Russel Metals Inc.**, one of the largest metals distribution companies in North America, in its joint venture with Marubeni-Itochu Tubulars America Inc. whereby each company combined their respective Canadian OCTG/line pipe business into a newly incorporated company, named TriMark Tubulars Ltd.

Granite Real Estate Investment Trust

Acted as tax counsel to **Granite REIT** in its $316-million bought deal equity offering of stapled units.

Blackpoynt Inc.

Acted for **BrandProject** in connection with the formation of BrandProject Capital Fund LP, an early-stage venture capital fund focussed on making investments in next generation consumer product, service, and technology companies across North America.

Premium Brands Holdings Corporation

Acted for **Premium Brands Holdings Corporation** in its groundbreaking partnership with a coalition of Mi'kmaq First Nations to jointly acquire Clearwater Seafoods Incorporated, Atlantic Canada's largest wild seafood company, for approximately $1 billion.

Granite Real Estate Investment Trust

Acted as tax counsel to **Granite REIT** in its $500-million bond offering of 2.378% Series 5 senior unsecured debentures.

Granite Real Estate Investment Trust

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Acted as tax counsel to **Granite REIT** in its $288-million bought deal equity offering of 3.84 million stapled units.

Northleaf Capital Partners

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.

New Gold Inc.

Acted for **New Gold Inc.** in its sale of the Blackwater Project in British Columbia to Artemis Gold Inc. for $210-million and an 8% gold stream.

Connor, Clark & Lunn Infrastructure Ltd.

Acted as tax counsel to **Connor, Clark & Lunn Infrastructure Ltd.** in its acquisition of USA Rail, an operator of short-line rail terminals in Louisiana and Texas.

Blackstone Tactical Opportunities

Acted for **Blackstone Tactical Opportunities**, a fund managed by Blackstone, in its sale of TITUS Inc., an Ottawa-based leading provider of data classification and categorization solutions, to an affiliate of HelpSystems Holdings, Inc.

Fine Capital Partners LP

Advised **Fine Capital Partners LP**, acting as investment manager for certain funds, in its financing of up to approximately US$18.5-million in exchangeable secured debentures issued by a newly formed subsidiary of WildBrain Ltd., a Canadian media production, distribution and broadcasting company.

InstarAGF Asset Management Inc.

Acted for **InstarAGF Asset Management Inc.** in the formation of US$1.2-billion InstarAGF Essential Infrastructure Fund II, an infrastructure fund focused on investments in North America, with limited partners from Canada, U.S., Europe and Asia.

Granite Real Estate Investment Trust

Acted as tax counsel to **Granite REIT** in its inaugural $500-million green bond offering of senior unsecured debentures.

ArcTern Ventures

Acted for **ArcTern Ventures** in connection with the formation of its second fund, ArcTern Ventures Fund II, a cleantech fund investing across North America.

Birch Hill Equity Partners

Acted for **Birch Hill Equity Partners** with the formation of Birch Hill Equity Partners VI, Birch Hill's sixth fund, which will make private equity investments in mid-market companies principally located in Canada.

Hostess Brands, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Hostess Brands Inc.** in its $425-million acquisition of Voortman Cookies Limited from Swander Pace Capital.

AirBoss of America Corp.

Acted for **AirBoss of America Corp.** to form a new defense business, AirBoss Defense Group, through the merger of its AirBoss Defense business and other operations in Acton Vale, Québec, with privately owned, U.S.-based Critical Solutions International, Inc., in a transaction valued at approximately US$132.7 million.

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Spring Lane Capital

Acting as counsel to **Spring Lane Capital** in the formation of its inaugural private equity fund formed to invest in sustainability projects in the energy, water, food and waste industries.

Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Acted for U.S.-based **Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.** in its acquisition of Viscor Inc., Canada's largest independent lighting manufacturer.

Northleaf Capital Partners

Acted for **Northleaf Capital Partners** in connection with the formation of an innovative evergreen fund for Canada Pension Plan Investment Board.

Northleaf Capital Partners

Acted for **Northleaf Capital Partners** in connection with the formation of Northleaf Senior Private Credit, an open-ended credit fund formed to make senior secured loans to private-equity backed companies.

Northleaf Capital Partners

Acted for **Northleaf Capital Partners** in connection with the formation of Northleaf Private Credit II, a closed-end credit fund focused on making loans to mid-market private equity backed companies.

Canadian Business Growth Fund

Acted for Canada's leading banks and insurance companies to form the **Canadian Business Growth Fund**, an independent evergreen fund with a national mandate to provide long-term patient, minority capital to entrepreneurs pursuing growth and expansion strategies.

Golden Ventures

Acted for **Golden Ventures** in connection with the formation of its third fund, Golden Ventures III, a leading seed-stage venture capital fund investing across North America.

Blackstone Tactical Opportunities

Acted for **Blackstone Tactical Opportunities**, a fund managed by Blackstone, in its acquisition of a majority stake in TITUS Inc., an Ottawa-based leading provider of data classification and categorization solutions.

Northleaf Capital Partners

Acted for **Northleaf Capital Partners** in connection with the establishment of a US$1.4-billion Northleaf global private credit program and Northleaf's related acquisition, through a new Northleaf-managed investment fund, of a 16% equity stake in Antares Holdings from CPPIB Credit Investments Inc.

Birch Hill Equity Partners

Acted for **Birch Hill Equity Partners** in its acquisition of CCM Hockey from Adidas.

Golden Gate Capital

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Golden Gate Capital** in its majority equity investment in the GAL group of companies, a leading North American designer, manufacturer and distributor of elevator components and systems.

Restaurant Brands International Inc.

Acted as Canadian tax counsel to **Restaurant Brands International Inc.**, owner of

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Burger King and Tim Hortons, in connection with its US$1.8-billion acquisition of Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen, Inc., an Atlanta-based chicken chain.

BMO Capital Markets, Credit Suisse Securities Canada and Scotiabank
Acted for a syndicate of underwriters **BMO Capital Markets**, **Credit Suisse Securities Canada** and **Scotiabank** in connection with Centerra Gold Inc.'s $195-million public offering of subscription receipts. The proceeds of the offering were used to partially finance Centerra's $1.1 billion purchase of Thompson Creek Metals Company Inc.

Raymond James Ltd.
Acted for **Raymond James Ltd.** in connection with its acquisition of 3Macs (MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier Inc.), creating Canada's leading independent investment dealer.

ISE Inc.
Acted for **ISE Inc.**, a major supplier of ergonomic office and workstation products, in connection with the sale of its business to Workrite Ergonomics, LLC, a division of Knape & Vogt Manufacturing Co., a portfolio company of Wind Point Partners.

Recognitions

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External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
Mentor, Canadian Tax Foundation, “Women in Tax Speed Mentoring”; Toronto, ON
Jun 9, 2026

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Canadian Tax Foundation, 75th Annual Tax Conference, “Private Equity Structuring”; Montréal, QC
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Lexpert Affirms Davies' Position as a Leading Firm
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*ITR World Tax*Recognizes Davies as a Top-Tier Firm
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Barrick to Sell Stake in Donlin Gold Project
Apr 24, 2025

Federal Budget 2024: How It Impacts You and Your Business
Apr 16, 2024

2021 Federal Budget: Tax Highlights
Apr 20, 2021

Education

Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, In-Depth Tax Course
Queen's University, JD, 2011
McMaster University, BSc (Medical & Health Physics), 2007

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2012

Professional Affiliations

Canadian Tax Foundation