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Overview

Afshan Naveed is a partner at Dentons Canada LLP. Afshan is an accomplished bankruptcy, insolvency, restructuring and litigation lawyer with a notable practice in commercial foreclosure and corporate restructurings. She acts for creditors, debtors, court-appointed monitors, receivers and trustees in bankruptcy in complex and sensitive insolvencies and restructurings of all sizes. Afshan's clients span across all industry sectors, and she has been a trusted, high-level advisor to them. As part of her practice, Afshan regularly appears before all levels of Court in Alberta. Afshan is also qualified to practice law in Scotland, where she was admitted as a Solicitor in 2009 and is presently retained on the Rolls of Solicitors. Afshan is committed to giving back to the community through her extensive volunteer work both as part of the legal profession and to the community at large.

Experience

- **Collision Kings Group:** Counsel to The Toronto-Dominion Bank, the senior secured lender and interim financing lender with respect to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA) proceedings filed by the various entities comprising the Collision Kings Group, including: Collision Kings Group Inc., CMD Holdings Inc., East Lake Collision Ltd., Mayland Heights Collision Ltd., Sunridge Collision Ltd., 2199931 Alberta Ltd., Collision Kings 3 Ltd., Arrow Auto Body Ltd., CMD Glass Ltd., Royal Vista Collision Ltd., Stathko Investments Ltd., Nick's Repair Service Ltd., 10026923 Manitoba Ltd. and Bunzy's Auto Body Ltd.
- **PWM and Regent:** Counsel to Grant Thornton Limited, the court-appointed Interim Receiver and thereafter Receiver of PWM Loss Prevention Services Inc. and Regent Protection Services Ltd.
- **Sugarbud:** Counsel to Connect First Credit Union, the senior secured lender and interim financing lender with respect to the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (BIA) proceedings and thereafter CCAA proceedings filed by SugarBud Craft Growers Corp., Trichome Holdings Corp., and 1800905 Alberta Ltd.
- **Digitcom:** Counsel to The Toronto-Dominion Bank, the senior secured lender and interim financing lender with respect to the BIA proceedings filed by Digitcom Telecommunications Inc.
- **Safeguard:** Counsel to BDO Canada Limited, the court-appointed Receiver and Manager of Safeguard Real Estate Investment Fund IV Limited Partnership and CEP LP Investment Corp.

- **Clover Living:** Counsel to PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., LIT, the court-appointed Receiver and Manager of Clover Living Inc. and Clover Living Limited Partnership.
- **RGN-National Business Centers:** Counsel to a large multinational landlord creditor (the Landlord), with respect to its Canadian properties, that were affected by the IWG/Regus insolvency filings in multiple jurisdictions which included Chapter 11 proceedings in the USA, CCAA and BIA proceedings in Canada, and bankruptcy proceedings in Luxembourg and Jersey.
- **Strategic Group of Companies:** Counsel to Alvarez and Marsal Canada Inc., LIT, the court-appointed Interim Receiver and thereafter Receiver in the ongoing receivership of numerous debtor entities known as the Strategic Group of Companies.
- **Junior oil and gas Company:** Counsel to Strategic Oil & Gas, which had a significant land and infrastructure asset portfolio in Alberta and the Northwest Territories, in connection with its restructuring proceedings under the CCAA.
- **Confidential clients:** Counsel to various clients in connection with commercial foreclosures and receiverships of real property based assets including: strip-malls, hotels and condominium projects.
- **Unity Builders Group:** Counsel to the various entities comprising the Unity Builders Group with respect to their restructuring filing under the CCAA.
- **Confidential clients:** Counsel to various clients in respect to bankruptcy matters, receiverships, corporate negotiations, and workouts.
- **Confidential clients:** Counsel to various lenders in respect to enforcement and recovery of loans.

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- YouthLink Calgary – Police Interpretive Centre, Director, and current Chair (2016–present)
- Pro Bono Law Alberta, King's Bench Amicus Court Assistance Program (2014–2023)
- Pro Bono Law Alberta, Civil Claims Duty Counsel Project (2012–2023)
- Calgary Transit Public Safety Citizen Oversight Committee, Chair (2015–2022)
- Canadian Bar Association Executive, South Alberta Insolvency Section, Chair (2015–2021)
- IWIRC, Western Canada Chapter, Director (2016–2018)
- IWIRC, Western Canada Chapter, Member of Calgary events committee (2015–2017)
- Calgary Immigrant Women's Association, Director (2011–2013)

Presentations

- Presenter, "Ethical Considerations in Insolvency: Navigating Complex Challenges with Integrity," International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, Western Canada | Spring Conference | June 2-4, 2023
- Presenter, "Rehabilitating a Distressed Corporation: Restructuring Options under the BIA, CCAA and CBCA," Legal Education Society of Alberta | Bankruptcy and Insolvency Essentials | March 15, 2023
- Presenter, "Session 3A: #trending: A Decade of CCAA Filings," 2022 Annual Review of Insolvency Law (ARIL) Conference, February 4, 2022
- Presenter, "Let's Chat about Diversity & Inclusion," Internationally Trained Lawyers Network (ITL), February

Memberships

- Member of Law Society of Alberta
- Member of Law Society of Scotland
- Canadian Bar Association's South Alberta Insolvency Section
- Member of International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC)
- Member of the Calgary Bar Association

Areas of focus

Practices

- **Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy**
- **Debtor Representation**
- **Insolvency Litigation and Enforcement**
- **Litigation and Dispute Resolution**

Industry sectors

- **Commercial Banks**
- **Financial Institutions**
- **Energy**
- **Private Equity**
- **Real Estate**

Education

- University of Edinburgh, 2008, Dip LP
- University of Edinburgh, 2006, LLB
- University of Calgary, 2002, BA, Psychology

Admissions and qualifications

- Alberta, 2013
- Scotland, 2009

Languages

- English

- Punjabi
- Urdu