

Overview

Located in the heart of Montreal, our office has more than 100 practising lawyers, in addition to consultants, paralegals and employees, all of whom are bilingual and dedicated to client service in a range of practice groups. We act for a wide variety of clients, ranging from start-ups to industry icons in both the public and private realms. Our lawyers draw upon a wealth of experience in several key practice areas, including:

Banking and Finance: Our group provides specialized legal advice in banking, financing, regulatory and insolvency matters to meet the changing needs and demands of our clients. We also have considerable experience in equipment leasing, asset-based lending, aircraft financing, asset securitizations, derivatives and other financing transactions, including a specialized practice in film and entertainment financing.

Employment and Labor: We assist both private and public sector unionized and non-unionized employers in negotiating settlements and agreements, and defending their interests in disputes respecting collective agreements, employment standards, human rights, occupational health and safety, pay equity, workers' compensation and wrongful dismissal.

Energy: We advise clients undertaking domestic and international energy projects in critical areas including project finance, commercial contracts, taxation, siting, permitting, environmental assessment and other regulatory matters.

Mergers and Acquisitions: We routinely represent our clients in their transactional activities including takeover bids (hostile and friendly), amalgamations, arrangements and share and asset purchases. We have significant experience in cross-border M&A transactions and specific sector experience including mining, oil and gas, technology, media, telecommunications, biotechnology, agriculture and industrial.

Franchising and Distribution: We advise franchisors at the transactional level and when the need for litigation arises. We represent local, national and international franchise systems of all sizes, including many of the most important American systems with locations worldwide.

Infrastructure and PPP: We assist public owners, concessionaires, lenders and contractors with all aspects of PPP arrangements across a broad range of infrastructure sectors.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution: Members of our group have appeared in cases at all levels in the court system, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and have successfully managed a wide range of commercial and other civil cases. We also represent our clients before all types of administrative and arbitration tribunals and inquiry commissions.

Mining: Our team offers the depth of experience required to handle the entire portfolio of potential legal issues that may arise for our mining clients, whether in urban areas or in isolated rural regions of Quebec. We provide advice on the Quebec Mining Act and the Quebec mining royalty regime and the applicable regulations. We also provide advice on developing and maintaining relationships with aboriginal communities.

Real Estate: Our experts represent a variety of clients on a full range of legal services, including acquisitions and sales of real estate assets, real estate financing, commercial leasing, construction, environment, municipal law and land use planning, litigation, tax and PPP.

Tax: We advise public and private trusts and corporations, governments at all levels, and individuals. Our clients' issues become ours to solve, from long-term tax planning advice to negotiating tax aspects of a deal.

We welcome the opportunity to share this knowledge, as well as our knowledge of other key sectors, with you.

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