

# Joey Mastrogiuseppe

## Partner



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## Overview

Joey Mastrogiuseppe leads the Banking and Finance group of Dentons Canada LLP's Montreal office. His practice focuses on financing in the entertainment industry.

Joey represents financial institutions, studios and private equity investors in connection with a broad range of entertainment and media related transactions. Joey has expertise in entertainment financing and corporate finance. He is best known for representing and advising some of the leading domestic and foreign financial institutions involved in the entertainment and media industries.

Joey taught entertainment law at McGill University in Montreal.

He has been a national board member for the firm and continues to be a member of the local board.

## Experience

- **JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.:** Advising as agent to the lenders in the US\$300 million syndicated refinancing for Entertainment One Ltd. (eOne). The 5-year senior revolving term loan allowed eOne to acquire Alliance Films Inc., a leading independent distributor of filmed entertainment products in Canada, the United Kingdom and Spain, from affiliates of Goldman Sachs Capital Partners and Investissement Québec.
- **JPMorgan Chase Bank:** Advising as administrative agent, and a syndicate of lenders with respect to a US\$800 million 5-year revolving credit facility for Lionsgate Entertainment Corporation; this is one of the largest revolving credit facilities raised by an entertainment company in more than a decade.
- **National Bank of Canada:** Advising on various single picture financing including, most recently, "The Hummingbird Project", "The White Crow", "Lying and Stealing", "The Kid", "Dumplin'", "The Front Runner", "Hotel Artemis", "The Last Full Measure", "Momentum Generation", "Fam-i-ly", "All is Lost", "Carrie Pilby", "Brain on fire", "Crooked House", "Elvis and Nixon", "Professor Marston and the Wonder Woman", "Woman walks ahead", "Blade Runner 2049", "Race", "Indignation", "Brooklyn", "Pawn Sacrifice", "The Cobbler", "Everything will be fine", "Black and White", "Le Petit Prince", "The untitled Playmobil movie", "The Family Fang", "Big Eyes", "Maps to the Stars", "Alone in Berlin", "The Green Inferno", "Mudbound", "Drunk Parents", "Manchester by the sea", "American Ultra", "Monster", "Tully" and financing of network television series

including most recently "The Girlfriend Experience".

- **Royal Bank of Canada:** Advising on various single picture financings.
- **AfrAsia Bank:** Advising on financing for picture "Serenity".
- **Investissement Québec (formerly Société générale de financement du Québec):** Advising on the slate financing deal with Dark Castle Entertainment.

## Recognition

First recognized in 2005, Joey has been commended for his extensive knowledge and experience in a variety of respected publications, including:

- *The Legal 500 Canada:* Media and Entertainment
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada:* Entertainment Law
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:* Entertainment Law
- *Who's Who Legal:* Sports and Entertainment

## Insights

- "Québec government introduces provincial legislation to regulate recreational cannabis," *Dentons Insights*, November 27, 2017
- "The Cannabis Act: An overview," *Dentons Client Alert*, April 18, 2017
- "Comparison of Canadian Content, Production Services, Co-Ventures and Treaty Co-Productions," March 2015
- "British Tax Authority puts a Major Damper on U.K. Film Investment Structures," published in *Focus On Entertainment Law*, February 2004
- "Hypothecation of Tax Credits," published for the Canadian Institute Conference

## Activities and Affiliations

- Member, Quebec Bar
- Member, Canadian Bar Association

## Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Board member Variety (Quebec)

## Presentations

- "Challenges for business leaders in the audiovisual industry" Regroupement pour la formation en audiovisuel du Québec (RFAVQ), January 2013

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Banking and Finance

## Industry sectors

- Media, Entertainment and Sports
- Private Equity
- Cannabis

## Issues and opportunities

- Cannabis in Canada

## Education

- Université de Montréal/Osgoode Hall Law School, 1993, LLB
- School of Community and Public Affairs, Concordia University, 1990, B.A.

## Admissions and qualifications

- Québec, 1994

## Languages

- English
- French
- Italian