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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Banking and Financial Services

EXPERTISE

Shareholders Disputes

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1977

EDUCATION

- LL.M., London School of Economics, England
- LL.B., University of Western Ontario
- B.A. (Economics), University of Western Ontario

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Bob Forbes' business law practice is focused on finance, securities regulation, and mergers and acquisitions. He has particular expertise in mergers and acquisitions in highly-regulated industries and private equity transactions.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada*, Securities Law, 2013 – 2018
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rated Lawyer, 2013

- 2012 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- Awarded the Osgoode Hall Law School Teaching Excellence Award for 2009-2010 for his teaching of Contract Law and Commercial Law, as well as the Adjunct Faculty Distinguished Service Award, at the Osgoode Hall Law School Convocation dinner on June 10th

Thought leadership

- Ontario Court of Appeal Speaks to Policyholder Rights on an Insurance Company Demutualization, 2014
- Canadian Business Organizations Law, Butterworths, 1984
- Canadian Companies and the Stock Exchanges, CCH, 1980

Notable matters

- Acted as deal counsel to Loral Space & Communications and the Public Sector Pension Investment Board in their acquisitions from BCE of Telecast Canada
- Acted for the KKR/CPPIB syndicate in structuring of their unsuccessful bid for BCE
- Acted for Teachers Pension Fund in its acquisition of 100% of GCAN Insurance Corporation
- Acted for a New York-based private equity fund in its investment in one of the new wireless telephony companies, and in two rounds of subsequent bridge financing for its systems build-out
- Acted for Bank of Nova Scotia in its acquisition of financial institutions in more than a dozen countries, including its multi-part acquisition of the Inverlat financial services group in Mexico
- Acted for Sun Life Financial in its acquisition of an interest in the AFP Cuprum pension fund in Chile
- Acted on numerous IPO's both Canadian only and multijurisdictional
- Acted for the management group on a number of management-led leveraged buy-out transactions