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Linc acts as a principal advisor to key stakeholders in some of Canada's most complex domestic and cross-border restructurings and distressed acquisitions.

Linc gained insights into cross-border mandates as a key member of the Blakes U.S. initiative team, having relocated to the United States from 2004 to 2007 to assist in establishing our U.S. presence. Upon his return to Toronto, Linc developed a leading restructuring practice and a recognized expertise in cross-border matters. Linc is now routinely retained by U.S. private equity and hedge funds, U.S. headquartered asset based lenders and prominent financial advisory firms acting in various court appointed capacities to provide strategic and legal advice for some of their most complicated mandates.

Linc is chair of Blakes Distressed Retail Sub-Group and has played prominent roles in some of Canada's largest retail insolvencies.

Linc is also a leading contributor to continuing legal education. His work has been cited by courts in various Canadian jurisdictions, having published extensively in scholarly journals and trade publications for almost two decades. He is an invited speaker at conferences and seminars throughout Canada and the U.S. Many of his speaking engagements address diversity issues in the legal profession, and he has been recognized for his pioneering accomplishments in this area.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

Recent engagements in which Linc acted as lead or co-lead counsel include acting for:

- The DIP lender in the U.S.\$2.3-billion DIP facility to Toys "R" Us (retail)
- The court-appointed monitor in the insolvency proceedings of Express Fashion Canada (retail)
- A broad cross-section of trade suppliers in the Sears Canada insolvency proceedings (retail)
- The largest group of unsecured trade suppliers in the Target Canada insolvency (served on court-appointed Consultative Committee) (retail)
- The agent for a syndicate of senior secured creditors in the Concordia International restructuring proceedings (pharmaceutical)
- The lender in the U.S.\$360-million exit financing in the Tervita Corporation restructuring (oil and gas)
- The court-appointed monitor in Primus Telecommunications' cross-border restructuring (telecom)
- The DIP lender in the Colossus Minerals restructuring (mining)
- The DIP lenders in the Digital Domain Group cross-border proceedings (high tech)

- The trustee of MF Global U.S. in connection with its claims in the bankruptcy of MF Global Canada (financial services)
- The DIP lenders in the Northstar Aviation cross-border restructuring proceedings (aeronautics)
- The court-appointed monitor in the Timminco Limited restructuring proceedings (mining)
- Indalex Limited in the Canada/U.S. cross-border restructuring proceedings (manufacturing)
- The purchaser of Blockbuster U.S.'s assets in the receivership proceedings of Blockbuster Canada (retail)
- Linens 'N Things in its Canada/U.S. cross-border insolvency proceedings (retail)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Linc is an experienced insolvency lawyer recognized in the following publications, particularly for his extensive Canada/U.S. cross-border work and lead role on large transactions:

- *Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders – Restructuring & Insolvency 2019*
- *The Legal 500 Canada 2019* (Restructuring and Insolvency)
- *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business 2019* (Restructuring/Insolvency)
- *Who's Who Legal: Restructuring & Insolvency 2019*
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019* (Insolvency and Financial Restructuring)
- *IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial LawFirms - 2019 Edition*
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2018* (Financial Restructuring)
- *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2017-2018* (Restructuring/Insolvency)
- *The 2017 Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-border Corporate Lawyers in Canada* (Insolvency & Financial Restructuring)
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2017*
- *Who's Who Legal: Restructuring & Insolvency 2017*
- *Lexpert Magazine, June 2016* (2016 Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada)
- *Lexpert Zenith Award: Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion, June 2016*
- *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business 2016*
- *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2016* (Canada: Restructuring/Insolvency)
- *IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial LawFirms - 2016 Edition*
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada 2015* (Insolvency & Restructuring)
- *The 2015 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*
- *The 2013 Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-border Corporate Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Lawyers to Watch)

- *Lexpert Magazine*, November/December 2012 (named a "Lexpert Rising Star," honouring Canada's leading lawyers under 40)
- *Lexpert Special Edition: Insolvency and Restructuring, Report on Business Magazine*, November 2012 (recognizing Canada's leading insolvency and restructuring lawyers)

PUBLICATIONS

[Co-author: 2018 Developments in Canadian Insolvency Case Law: What Lenders Need to Know](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Restructuring & Insolvency, January 7, 2019.

[Co-author: Concordia International Corp.'s Canada Business Corporations Act Proceedings Explained](#)

Commercial Insolvency Reporter, Vol. 31, No. 2, December 2018.

[Co-author: Concordia International Corp.'s Canada Business Corporations Act Proceedings Explained](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Restructuring and Insolvency, October 18, 2018.

[Co-author: Retail Insolvencies in Canada Series, #4: Lender Perspectives](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Restructuring & Insolvency, October 4, 2018.

[Co-author: Retail Insolvencies in Canada: Parent Perspective](#)

Journal of Corporate Renewal, Turnaround Management Association, Vol. 31, No. 2, March 2018.

[Co-author: Retail Insolvencies in Canada Series, #3: Parent Perspectives](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Restructuring & Insolvency, February 28, 2018.

[Co-author: Recent Developments in Canadian Insolvency Case Law: What Lenders Need to Know](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Restructuring & Insolvency, December 6, 2017.

[Co-author: Retail Insolvencies in Canada Series, #2: Supplier Perspectives](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Restructuring & Insolvency, October 10, 2017.

[Co-author: Retail Insolvencies in Canada Series, #1: Landlord Perspectives](#)

Blakes Bulletin on Restructuring & Insolvency, July 17, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCES

[Panellist: Recent Cases of Interest and Cases to Watch](#)

Insolvency Litigation, The Advocates' Society, Toronto, Ontario, April 12, 2019.

[Moderator: Diverse Perspectives on the Turnaround Profession](#)

TMA Perspective Series, Turnaround Management Association, Toronto, Ontario, November 13, 2018.

[Panellist: Restructuring and Insolvency: A Cross-Country Year in Review](#)

Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP Seminar, Toronto, Ontario, January 24, 2018.

[Moderator: Opportunities, Challenges, and Initiatives for Fostering Diversity in Law Developments](#)

Association of Corporate Counsel, Ontario Chapter, Toronto, Ontario, November 28, 2017.

[Debater: Whether to Adopt U.S. Style Cram Down in Canada](#)

Insolvency Institute of Canada Annual Conference and General Meeting, Banff, Alberta, September 15, 2017.

[Presenter: Restructuring and Insolvency: Recent Canada - U.S. Developments](#)

Blakes Business Class Seminar, New York, New York, June 8, 2017.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Quoted: 2016 Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40

Article by Jean Cumming, Lexpert Magazine, November/December 2016.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Linc is a member of the Insolvency Institute of Canada, a limited-number, invitation-only association of senior insolvency professionals. In addition, he is currently serving on the board of directors of the Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals and the board of the Toronto chapter of the Turnaround Management Association. He is also a member of the corporate advisory board of the Canadian Association of Urban Financial Professionals ("CAUFP"), dedicated to improving financial literacy in minority and underprivileged communities. Linc acts as CAUFP's pro bono counsel.

EDUCATION

Admitted as a Foreign Legal Consultant in the State of Illinois - 2005

Admitted to the Ontario Bar - 2000

LL.B. (Magna Cum Laude), University of Ottawa - 1998

M.A., International Affairs, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs - 1998

B.A., Political Science, University of Alberta - 1994