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Michael has more than 20 years of experience in banking and financial services law, with a particular specialization in corporate and commercial finance. His practice is focused on the areas of banking, syndicated lending, leveraged finance, project finance, and mergers and acquisitions.

Michael regularly advises Canadian and foreign financial institutions and borrowers with respect to the structuring and negotiation of syndicated loan transactions, acquisition financings, take-over bid financings, leveraged buyouts, corporate reorganizations, workouts, and mergers and acquisitions.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

Transactions in which Michael has been involved include representing:

- The arrangers and lenders in connection with recent acquisition transactions, including First Quantum's acquisition of Inmet, Plazacorp's acquisition of KeyREIT, Birch Hill's acquisition of Soft Choice, Harry Winston's acquisition of BHP's diamond assets, CGI Group Inc's public take-over of Logica plc, Canaccord Financial Inc's public take-over of Collins Stewart Hawkpoint, Intact Financial Corporation's acquisition of AXA Canada, and DHX Media Ltd.'s acquisition of Cookie Jar Entertainment
- Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, Providence Equity Partners, Madison Dearborn Partners LLC, and BCE Inc. in connection with the acquisition of Q9 Networks
- The arranger and lenders in connection with credit facilities made available to CT REIT, CHOICE REIT, Granite REIT, First Capital Realty, Primaris REIT, Chartwell REIT and other public real estate investment trusts
- The arrangers and the lenders in connection with Apex Partners' acquisition of Garda World Security Corporation
- Equinox Minerals Ltd. in connection with its hostile take-over bid for Lundin Mining Corporation
- The underwriters and a syndicate of lenders in connection with BHP Billiton Limited's hostile take-over bid for Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan
- The underwriters and a syndicate of lenders in connection with TransAlta Corporation's hostile take-over bid for Canadian Hydro Developers
- Mezzanine lenders and borrowers in connection with a variety of loan and warrant arrangements
- The underwriters and lenders in connection with a number of income trust privatizations and public company conversions, including BFI Canada, Golf Town, Sleep Country Canada and Aeroplan
- The lenders and debtors in respect of debtor in possession financings in connection with recent

Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act transactions, including Arclin Canada Ltd., Canwest Media, Canwest Limited Partnership, Angiotech Pharmaceuticals Inc.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Michael has been recognized as a leading banking and financial services lawyer in the following publications:

- *The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada 2019* (Banking and Financial Institutions)
- *The Legal 500 Canada 2019* (Banking & Finance)
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2019* (Asset-Based Lending Practice, Banking and Finance Law)
- *Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business 2019* (Banking & Finance)
- *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2019* (Banking & Finance)
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2019* (Asset-Based Lending and Banking & Financial Institutions)
- *IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial LawFirms - 2018 Edition* (Banking)
- *The 2017 Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-border Corporate Lawyers in Canada* (Asset-Based Lending; Banking & Financial Institutions)
- *Who's Who Legal: Banking 2017*
- *Legal Media Group's Guide to the World's Leading Lawyers in Banking, Finance and Transactional Law 2017* (Banking)

EDUCATION

Admitted to the Ontario Bar - 1994

LL.B., University of New Brunswick - 1992

B.A., Queen's University - 1989