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### Expertise

Securities and Corporate Finance

Business and Corporate Commercial

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### Education

- Osgoode Hall Law School, LL.B., 1982

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### Bar Admission

- Ontario Bar, 1984

### Executive Summary

Bill joined Gardiner Roberts as a partner in 2005, after operating his own boutique securities law firm for 12 years. Bill is the Leader of the Securities Law Group at Gardiner Roberts and has developed a wide range of expertise. Some of his skills include Prospectus Offerings including Capital Pool Offerings, advising on and preparing stock exchange listings and Mergers and Acquisitions of both public and private companies. Bill is also experienced with reverse take-over transactions, formal and exempt take-over bids, going-private transactions, amalgamations and arrangements and advising public companies on corporate governance compliance. Bill has also advised clients on continuous disclosure obligations and has represented clients in all aspects of public offerings including rights offerings, equity and debt financings, private placements and limited partnership offerings. He has advised on compliance with the Securities Act and other relevant provincial securities legislation, obtained regulatory approvals and has advised clients on Mining law including the acquisition, option and joint venturing of resource properties, disclosure obligations under National Instrument 43-101 and flow-through financings.

Bill has been a member of the Ontario Securities Commission's Small Business Advisory Committee (SBAC) from July 2002 until January 2005. The SBAC was established to advise on securities regulatory issues facing small and medium-sized businesses in Ontario. He is also a director of the Canadian Listed Company Association. The association provides a forum for education and communication on regulatory issues to the companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange.

### Professional Involvement

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Institute of Corporate Directors