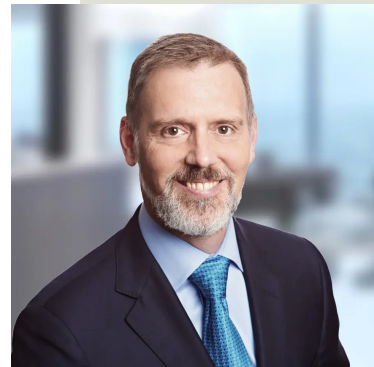


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Executive summary

Edgar acts as lead counsel on complex Canadian and international transactions across a wide range of industries, including energy and infrastructure, technology, financial services, insurance, manufacturing, and real estate. He brings extensive experience in corporate governance, advising businesses, non-profits, and charities on board matters, governance protocols, and executive compensation structures. Edgar regularly serves as trusted legal advisor to boards of directors.

Known for his practical and focused approach, Edgar is committed to building long-term client relationships. He takes the time to understand each client's priorities and delivers clear, timely advice that supports sound decision-making and long-term success.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, JD, 1991

Queen's University, BA (Hons) (Gold Medalist, Political Studies), 1988

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1993

Expertise

Mergers & Acquisitions

Corporate Governance

Corporate Finance

Non-Profit & Charities

Representative work

- Acted for Alsco Uniforms in its acquisition of Topper Linen.
- Acted for TerraGen Environmental in sale to Eterna Equity.
- Acted for family office in restructuring of multi-generational holdings.
- Acts for Toronto Atmospheric Fund with respect to fund investments and programs.
- Acted for Efficiency Capital in \$50 million financing from Canada Infrastructure Bank.
- Advises the board of a large non-profit corporation providing innovative mortgage financing for affordable residential real estate in the Greater Toronto Area.
- Acted as counsel for the shareholders of Sustainalytics, in connection with their sale to Morningstar Inc., which valued Sustainalytics at €170,000,000.

- Acted for multiple aboriginal communities with respect to infrastructure projects, including dealing with investment structures, negotiating with partners and developers, and negotiating and closing project financing.

Memberships and recognition

Board memberships

- Counsel and corporate secretary to a public company board for eight years.
 - Served on the board of a specialty insurance firm, as well as a Canadian subsidiary of an electronic gaming company.
 - Sat on the local board of Oikocredit for 16 years, including as Chair for seven years. Oikocredit is a worldwide co-operative and social investor with over €1 billion in total assets, which invests in the microfinance sector, fair trade organizations, co-operatives, and small to medium sized enterprises.
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Professional memberships

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section Recognition
- Best Lawyers in Canada for Corporate Law (2026)



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