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Partner and Chair – Securities and Capital Markets

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Executive summary

Kathleen advises clients on all aspects of corporate and securities law, with a focus on regulatory financing, compliance structures, and mergers and acquisitions involving both Canadian and international companies. Her practice includes advising on continuous disclosure obligations, public offerings, private placements of debt and equity, merger and reverse takeover transactions, restructuring matters, and corporate governance. Kathleen is a past Chair of the Securities Law Sub-Committee of the Ontario Bar Association.

While much of her practice is focused on public companies and businesses preparing to go public, Kathleen also advises private companies on a wide range of corporate matters, including director and officer insurance issues. She brings broad industry experience to her work, advising clients in the manufacturing, technology, financial services, and health and wellness sectors, and has developed particular expertise in the resource sector, including structuring mining-related agreements and advising on specialized public company compliance requirements.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, LLB, 1994
University of Toronto, Trinity College

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1996

Expertise

Securities & Capital Markets

Mining

Corporate Governance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Investment Funds & Asset Management

Representative work

- Advised on a sale of a Canadian TSX listed company to a large US multinational in a transaction that included the spinning out of a majority-controlled subsidiary into a new TSX listed vehicle.
- Advised on a restructuring transaction of a public company that involved spinning out historical assets as well as introducing new assets and completing a listing on a Canadian stock exchange.

- Advised on the cross border financings for a mining company with assets in multiple jurisdictions.
- Advised client on Canadian elements of an contested shareholder meeting involving an issuer listed in multiple jurisdictions.

Insights

Publications

Securities Distributions Outside of Canada. A Summary of the OSC's Proposed Rule 72-503 – 28 July 2016

Contributed to Nathan and Voore's Corporate Meetings – Law and Practice on a regular basis

Contributed to Nathan's Company Meetings – 10th edition Presented at OBA's Quebec Ontario Business Law Summit on corporate governance

Blogs

Directors and officers need to stay focused and diligent during COVID-19 health emergency

16 April 2020

What Can Go Wrong when a Director is also the largest Shareholder

2 October 2017

Securities Distributions Outside of Canada. A Summary of the OSC's Proposed Rule 72-503

26 July 2016

Memberships and recognition

Board memberships

- High Tide Inc.
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Professional memberships



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- Member, Canadian Bar Association
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Recognition

- Best Lawyers in Canada 2022-2027 for Securities Law
- Recognized in the 2027 edition of Chambers Canada for Corporate/Commercial: Highly Regarded - Ontario

Community engagement

- Board of Directors at the National Ballet School Foundation



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