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Executive summary

Michael is a partner in the Corporate Group at Gardiner Roberts, practising corporate and securities law with a focus on corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, investment funds, private equity, and venture capital. He has acted as issuer's counsel on more than 75 initial public offerings and other public and private financings, raising aggregate gross proceeds in excess of \$8 billion. Michael also regularly represents underwriters and agents in connection with public and private offerings.

Michael advises a broad range of clients, from start-ups to multinational organizations, and is a trusted advisor to senior executives, boards of directors, and independent review committees. His work spans transactions, corporate governance, disclosure and reporting obligations, risk management, and regulatory compliance, and he is valued for his strategic, business-minded approach to complex matters.

Michael's expertise has been widely recognized. He has been ranked by the *Canadian Legal Expert Directory*, the *Expert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada*, and the *Expert/ROB Special Edition on Global Mining*. He has also been named a Thomson Reuters Standout Lawyer and was previously recognized as one of Lexpert's Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40.

EDUCATION

University of Windsor, LLB, 1997

University of Western Ontario - Ivey Business School, BA (Hons), 1992

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1999

Expertise

Corporate & Commercial

Securities & Capital Markets

Mergers & Acquisitions

Investment Funds & Private Equity

Representative work

- Hammond Power Solutions Inc.: Acted as counsel to Hammond Power Solutions in connection with its CA\$65.5 million bought-deal secondary offering.
- Confidential clients: Advised various public and private clients on mergers and acquisitions matters both in Canada and cross-border, including structuring, negotiating, drafting, due-diligence and closing such matters.
- Confidential clients: Advised various clients on significant investments in private companies and other entities, ranging from small ownership stakes to controlling interests, to complete entities.
- Confidential clients: Advised various clients on all aspects of fund formation, including investment funds, open-end mutual funds, closed-end funds, ETFs, private funds and private equity funds.
- Confidential clients: Advised various clients on corporate governance and Canadian securities law regulatory matters, including on-going disclosure requirements and compliance, and registration requirements impacting investment fund managers, advisers and dealers.
- FAX Capital Corp.: Advised Special Committee of Board regarding all aspects of going private transaction.

Insights

Publications

What Issuers Should Know Before Their Next Transaction – Understanding CSA Staff Notice 51-366 Why issuers, directors, and officers should rethink how they value and disclose asset acquisitions.

7 August 2025

Bankruptcies and insolvencies: Considerations for Canadian companies in uncertain times

18 July 2025

New Limits, New Life: Understanding CSA's Blanket Order 45-935

10 July 2025

Co-author, "The Canadian Securities Administrators issues guidance for independent review committees for investment funds," 5 April 2024

Co-author, "Real estate private equity in the Canadian market," 4 April 2024

Co-author, "Going public in Canada: Corporate governance considerations for newly public companies," December 7, 2022

Presentations



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Speaker, "10th Annual Securities Law Symposium," Association of Corporate Counsel, September 2023

Speaker, "9th Annual Securities Law Symposium," Association of Corporate Counsel, October 2022

Speaker, "Part 4 - Going Public in Canada: A fireside chat series," webinar, November 2022

Blogs

Real Estate Tokenization in Canada: Legal Considerations for Owners, Developers, and Investors

7 July 2026

Canada's Tokenization Moment: The Regulatory Landscape and Market Trends Impacting Real-World Assets

15 June 2026

Preparing for the OSC's 2026 Risk Assessment Questionnaire: What Registrants Need to Know

27 March 2026

Staying Ahead: The Value of Annual Compliance Reviews for Ontario Registrants

12 March 2026

Well-Known Seasoned Issuers Understanding the New Prospectus Regime

29 January 2026

Memberships and recognition

Recognition

- *Thomson Reuters Standout Lawyer* – independently rated lawyer



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