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## Biography

Kyla Mahar is an experienced practitioner in the insolvency group at Miller Thomson. Kyla focuses in the areas of bankruptcy and insolvency law including corporate restructuring, refinancing, receiverships and enforcement of creditors' rights and remedies. Kyla's roles include acting as counsel for the debtors, monitors, receivers, trustees, DIP lenders, bondholders, financial institutions and other creditors. Her experiences spans a wide range of industries including banking and financial services, technology, energy, steel, mining, maritime, automotive, media and publishing.

Kyla is a creative thinker and has developed a particular expertise in leading companies through reorganizations under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*. She is also experienced in assisting companies restructure and recapitalize under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*.

In addition to her insolvency practice, Kyla's practice also includes commercial litigation with an emphasis on resolution of complex commercial litigation.

## Professional achievements & leadership

- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, Insolvency & Financial Restructuring, 2018 – 2019
- Chair of the Ontario Network of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC)
- Corporate Governance Director and Secretary of the Toronto Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG)
- Recipient, J.W. Whiteside Award for outstanding commitment and service to the Faculty of Law, Legal Profession and Community, 1998

## Notable matters

- Representing the court appointed monitor in CCAA Proceedings in the multi-jurisdictional restructuring involving MBAC Inc.
- Representing the debtor in the BIA proposal proceedings of Coupgon Inc.
- Representing the appointing creditor in the creditor initiated CCAA proceedings involving 1721027 Ontario Inc. operating as Becker Co-Generation Plant
- Representing the appointing creditor in the receivership proceedings of Great Lakes Specialty Meats of Canada Inc.
- Representing the appointing creditor in the receivership proceedings of Quality Meat Packers Inc. and Toronto Abbitoirs Limited
- Litigation counsel for the debtors in the CCAA proceedings involving Hush Homes Inc.
- Representing the debtors in the CCAA proceeding involving Ghana Gold Corp.
- Representing the court-appointed Monitor in the CCAA proceeding involving Vanguard Shipping (Great Lakes) Ltd. and Vanship Ltd.
- Representing the debtors in the recognition under the CCAA of foreign main proceedings involving Hartford Computer Hardware, Inc. et al under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code
- Representing the court-appointed Receiver in a complex mareva and receivership proceedings involving in excess of 20 defendants

## **Thought leadership**

### **Presentations**

- Speaker, “Winning Injunctions”, Advocates Society’s Program, December 2015
- Speaker “Commercial Priorities for Real Estate and Business Lawyers”, Law Society of Upper Canada’s Program, February 2015
- Speaker “Hot Topics, Important Cases and Emerging Trends in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law”, the Ontario Bar Association’s Institute 2015 Insolvency Program, February 2015

### **Professional memberships**

- Chair, Ontario Network of the International Women’s Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
- Secretary and Director Corporate Governance, Association of Corporate Growth Toronto Chapter
- Member, Turnaround Management Association (Toronto Chapter)
- Member, INSOL International
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member, Insolvency Section, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association
- Law Society of Ontario

### **Bar admissions & education**

- Ontario Bar, 2001
- LL.B., University of Windsor Law School, 1999
- B.Sc. (Hons.), McMaster University, 1995