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Biographie

(Disponible en anglais seulement)

Steven Wesfield is an experienced business lawyer who advises Canadian and international clients. Steve has led significant M&A and outsourcing transactions, and has drafted and negotiated complex commercial contracts. He has also advised clients in shareholding disputes and corporate governance matters. Steve has built trusted relationships with clients in multiple industries. As of 2019, Steve will have been a lawyer at Miller Thomson for 30 years.

Transactions: Steve recently acted for Crown Holdings Inc. and its affiliates regarding the Canadian aspects of its 2018 \$3.9 billion acquisition of Signode Industrial Group Holdings (Bermuda) Ltd., in addition to a related €835 million issuance of senior notes and credit facility increases. Steve also acted regarding the Canadian components of their 2015 receivables securitization, a 2014 €650 million issuance of senior notes, a 2015 €600 million issuance of senior notes, and 2017 credit facilities aggregating approximately USD \$2 billion. In 2015-16, he acted for Jungbunzlauer Canada Inc. in connection with its publicly announced acquisition of a glucose manufacturing industrial facility in Ontario. Steve acted for Rakuten Inc., a Japanese public company and one of the world's top three e-commerce companies, in a highly publicized and complex \$315 million acquisition of Kobo Inc., the manufacturer of the Kobo e-reader and a leading distributor of e-books. Steve also acts for the high profile We Charity and the Me to We entities.

Other corporate work: Steve's other experience includes: merger and acquisition transactions involving a Canadian footwear manufacturer, a Canadian asphalt company, and a sports equipment manufacturer; the sale by a major Canadian insurance company of one of its provincial divisions; numerous M&A and loan transactions involving insurance brokerages; two separate transactions in which Canadian chartered banks sold operating payroll divisions; and a significant procurement outsourcing transaction for a high profile technology company. He has acted as Secretary and adviser to special committees of the directors of a public company in connection with a monetization of power plant assets, and a redemption of perpetual preferred shares.

Trusted Advisor: Steve is committed to responding to the needs of his clients on a timely, cost-effective, and practical basis. He has been a member of important committees at Miller Thomson, and acts as a director of several major Canadian corporations.

Member of Miller Thomson's Finance Committee

Member of all Miller Thomson Merger Committees that led to the firm becoming national in scope

Past Co-Chair of the Miller Thomson's Toronto Business Law Group

Past National Chair of Miller Thomson's Industry and Speciality Groups

Part-time Professor at University of Ottawa Law School, Instructed « Major Business Transactions Course » (Outsourcing Transaction), 2004 and 2005

Leadership éclairé

- Presenter of seminars on the business of the practice of law
- Co-author of LexisNexis Canada's web-based *Practice Advisor module for Directors and Officers*, updated September 2019
- Speaker on Directors' and Officers' Liability, Canadian Board Diversity Council, in 2015, 2011, and 2010
- Speaker and author of paper on "Business Law", at the joint Law Society of Ontario and Ontario Bar Association Solo and Small Firm Conference and Expo, 2006

Associations professionnelles

- Law Society of Ontario
- Canadian Bar Association

Formation et admission au barreau

- Ontario Bar, 1987
- LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, 1985
- B.Sc., University of Toronto, 1982