

# Jonathan Tong

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## Industries & Expertise

**INDUSTRIES**

Artificial Intelligence | Energy and Natural Resources | Real Estate | Technology | Mining

**EXPERTISE**

Capital Markets and Securities | Corporate Law | Mergers and Acquisitions | Startup, Emerging Companies and Venture Capital | Shareholder Activism

## Biography

**BAR ADMISSION**

Ontario, 2010

**EDUCATION**

- Certificate in Mining Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, June 2024
- J.D., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2009
- B.A. Honours, University of Toronto, 2006

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN**

Cantonese, English

Jonathan, a seasoned partner and corporate transactional lawyer based in Toronto, provides practical advice and solutions for Canadian and international clients primarily in the areas of corporate finance, securities, mergers and acquisitions, and stream and royalty finance. Jonathan has extensive experience advising public and private issuers, foreign and domestic investment banks, trusts, governments, boards of directors, special committees, lenders and targets. His knowledge spans various industries, including mining and other resource sectors, technology, real estate, life sciences, and financial services. Issuers routinely rely on Jonathan's legal proficiency in assisting with identifying and accessing capital through each stage of a business' lifecycle.

Jonathan is an instructor for both the Corporate Finance and Securities Regulation courses at Windsor Law School, as well as a regular guest lecturer for the Law & Business course at the Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU). He is a founder and co-chair of Breakfast of Champions in support of SickKids, which is an annual fundraiser that has raised over \$1 million for SickKids Foundation. Additionally, he is a member of the Executive Committee of MLSE's young professionals group, Game Changers.

Jonathan is affiliated with various industry committees and organizations, and has collected several accolades in recognition of his knowledge and experience. He is a recipient of the Lexpert Rising Stars Award, which celebrates Canada's leading lawyers under 40. He has also been named by Lexpert as a "Leading Lawyer to Watch" in the category of Corporate Finance and Securities. He previously served as a member of the Continuous Disclosure Committee of the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC), and is currently a member of the OSC Small Business Advisory Committee.

## Industry involvement

### Recognition

- *Lexpert Special Edition – Mergers & Acquisitions Law*, 2025
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Mergers & Acquisitions*, 2025-2026
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory: Leading Lawyer to Watch – Corporate Finance & Securities*, 2023
- Lexpert Rising Star, Canada's Leading Lawyers Under 40, 2022
- Founder/co-chair, SickKids Activators, a not-for-profit philanthropic and networking organization of young professionals supporting The Hospital for Sick Children, 2012 – present
- Dean's Gold Key Award, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2009
- Legal & Literary Society Student Honour Award, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2009

### Thought leadership

#### Presentations

- Speaker, "Decoding Artificial Intelligence", Stifel Canada Investor Seminar, 2024

- Speaker, “Esports and Fair Peer-to-Peer Skill-Based Play”, SiGMA Americas Gaming Festival, 2022
- Speaker, “Esports, Gambling and Skill-Based Games Expert”, SiGMA Americas Gaming Festival, 2022
- Moderator, “Investing in Esports”, The Business of Esports & Gaming with the Pros Conference, 2019

## **Publications**

- “CSA announces new exemption for exempt-market securities dealers, enhancing access to capital markets”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, June 11, 2024
- “Essential legal due diligence for investing in AI companies: Top tips for investors and legal advisors”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, June 11, 2024
- “A Venture Forward Initiative: Unveiling the TSXV Sandbox”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, May 22, 2024
- “Navigating the future of prospectus delivery: A closer look at Canada’s new Access Model”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, February 14, 2024
- “TSXV Passport Listing Process: A Venture Forward Initiative”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, January 17, 2024
- “EU Artificial Intelligence Act: A groundbreaking agreement shaping the future of AI Regulation”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, January 9, 2024
- “Capital Markets & Securities: 2023 Legal Year in Review”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, December 22, 2023
- “Levelling Up: Empowering Canadian Esports through Self-Regulation”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, November 23, 2023
- “Public company directors and ESG disclosure requirements”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, March 2, 2023
- “Canadian Securities Administrators create new prospectus exemption to streamline capital raising for listed issuers”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, September 12, 2022
- “10 key recommendations from the Ontario Capital Markets Modernization Taskforce”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, March 10, 2021
- “Updated TSX guidelines for security based compensation disclosure”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, January 26, 2021
- “Making a splash: Changes to TSXV’s Capital Pool Company program arriving in 2021”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, December 11, 2020
- “New amendments simplify “at-the-market” distributions in Canada and make them more attractive to issuers”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, July 29, 2020
- “Offering in confidence: New confidential prospectus pre-file review process”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, June 16, 2020
- “COVID-19: Capital markets and securities update”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, March 27, 2020

- “COVID-19: Canadian capital markets & securities considerations”, *Securities Practice Notes Communiqué*, March 20, 2020

### **Media Mentions**

- Quoted in *Financial Post*, “China is getting the Liberals into video games”, June 14, 2021
- Quoted in *Financial Post*, “This Canadian company is taking aim at the \$150-billion-plus global video-game industry”, March 15, 2021

### **Teaching**

- Instructor, “Corporate Finance”, University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, 2016 – present
- Instructor, “Securities Regulation”, University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, 2024 – present
- Guest Lecturer, “Law & Business”, Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU), 2022 – present
- Instructor, “Administrative Law”, Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, 2012 – 2013

### **Community roles**

- Founder and Co-Chair, Breakfast of Champions In Support of SickKids, 2012 – present
- Founder and Member, SickKids Activators, 2015 – present
- Director, MLSE Foundation Game Changers, 2015 – present

### **Memberships & affiliations**

- Member of the Small Business Advisory Committee, Ontario Securities Commission
- Canadian Bar Association
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