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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Mining | Manufacturing | Cannabis | Technology
| Real Estate | Automotive | Entertainment and
Media

EXPERTISE

Financial Services | Restructuring & Insolvency

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2001

EDUCATION

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

Kyla Mahar is a Partner at Miller Thomson LLP and her practice focuses on corporate restructuring and insolvency, distressed acquisitions and enforcement of creditors' rights. Kyla is ranked in Chambers Canada Legal Guide, and recognized by Chambers and Partners, Canada and Global, Lexpert and Best Lawyers for her practice in Insolvency & Financial Restructuring. Kyla's practice focuses primarily on leading debtor companies through restructuring proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and the *Bankruptcy and*

Insolvency Act and on acting for court officers in restructuring and insolvency proceedings. Her experiences span a wide range of industries including manufacturing, cannabis, steel, technology, real estate, mining, maritime, automotive, not-for-profit, media and publishing.

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

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in Canada* – Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law, 2022-2025
- *Chambers Canada*, Restructuring/Insolvency, 2022-2025
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* – Insolvency & Financial Restructuring, 2018 – 2025
- *Chambers Global* ranked lawyer, Restructuring/Insolvency, 2023-2024
- 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

Thought leadership

- Co-author, "Focus on Canada", Digitorney's Crisis Navigator, April 8, 2020
- 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

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

Memberships & affiliations

- Chair, Ontario Network of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
- Secretary and Director Corporate Governance, Association of Corporate Growth Toronto Chapter
- Member, Insolvency Institute of Canada
- 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