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Industries & expertise

INDUSTRIES

Automotive | Health | Manufacturing | Transactions and Leasing | Transportation and Logistics

EXPERTISE

Mergers and Acquisitions | Private Equity | Capital Markets and Securities | Corporate Law

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1993

EDUCATION

- LL.M. (Taxation), Osgoode Hall Law School, 1997
- LL.B., University of Windsor, 1991
- B.A., York University, 1988

Michael Caruso, a partner in the corporate group at the Toronto office, is the co-lead of our Private Equity Group, and is your go-to person for cross-border M&A, private equity M&A, buyouts, and complex transactions. With proficiency in various industries including automotive, finance, manufacturing, insurance and technology, Michael is a leading figure in Canada's legal scene, known for his insightful contributions and

extensive leadership experience.

Michael's regular speaking engagements on corporate and M&A transaction insurance topics underscore his commitment to continuous learning and professional excellence, ensuring he stays at the forefront of legal know-how.

Active memberships in the Canadian Bar Association, American Bar Association and the Law Society of Ontario showcase Michael's dedication to his profession. His recognition by The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory in mergers & acquisitions and corporate commercial law highlight his exceptional skills and contributions within the legal landscape, making him a trusted resource in the field.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Mergers & Acquisitions, 2021-2022 & 2026; Corporate Commercial Law, 2022-2025 & 2026
- Lexpert Special Edition – Finance and M&A, 2025-2026
- Quoted – *Lexpert Magazine (Shedding Light on the PE Field),* September 2018
- Noted – *Legal 500 (Technology)*, April 2017
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Magazine – Private Equity: On the Cover,* April 2015; Corporate Commercial Law, 2020

Thought leadership

- Media mention: "Canada's private equity activity stays near record levels despite uncertainty – Dealspeak North America" , Ion Analytics, July 2026

Notable matters

- Acted for large U.S. banks in connection with their acquisition and disposition of securities in Canadian based companies
- Acted for a large U.S. bank in connection with their disposition of a business division in Canada
- Acted for a large U.S. bank corporate private equity group in connection with various acquisitions and add-on transactions in Canada
- Acted for a large U.S. bank in its formation of an equipment financing business in Canada
- Acted for a Canadian bank in its acquisition of a financing business
- Acted for global insurance companies with respect to the issuance of M&A insurance policies
- Acted for Summer Street Capital Partners with the divestiture of its interest in Belmont Meats

- Acted for an emerging AI technology company in the publication and social media industry, with respect to successive issuance of securities
- Acted for an emerging e-commerce technology company in the consumer retail sector, with respect to successive issuance of securities and collaboration and commercialization mandates

Corporate directorships

- Board Member, NHL Foundation Canada
- Past Director – Independent Living Residences for the Deaf/Blind (Ontario)

Memberships & affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Ontario