

## Public Companies

Public companies enjoy unique advantages – including improved access to capital, shareholder liquidity and brand awareness – and as a result are subject to onerous, complex requirements. Companies in these positions require an advisor who understands that reporting issuers (and their directors, officers, employees and related persons) must comply with a host of governance, reporting, audit and disclosure requirements. The higher shareholder scrutiny, regulator oversight and compliance obligations to which public companies are subject makes it imperative that they engage legal advisors to assist with their ongoing obligations, as well as their complex transactional needs.

WeirFoulds serves as the trusted advisors to a wide variety of Canadian and foreign large, mid-tier and small public companies. We have a broad public markets and securities practice that prides itself on being at the forefront of recent developments in securities law and routinely advise clients on their ongoing compliance obligations, assist with routine commercial and tax matters, and handle complex securities and corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, restructurings and proxy battles. We also act for directors, officers and shareholder groups to provide targeted advice on their rights and obligations.

We take a multi-disciplinary approach to our work advising public companies. We engage our corporate, commercial, securities, governance, labour and employment, tax and regulatory experts as necessary to ensure our clients receive excellent advice that is tailored to their needs.

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- Minority shareholder protections
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