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David Brown is a recognized practitioner in the area of mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate finance.

David practises in the areas of Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions and Corporate Finance. He has been named by *Best Lawyers®* as one of the best lawyers in Canada in the practice area of Corporate Law. He handles all manner of M&A, Private Equity and Debt transactions with an emphasis on:

- private company sales and divestitures;
- middle-market company mergers and acquisitions; and
- the Canadian component of institutional fund purchases and divestitures.

David has also developed an active international practice representing finance firms in New York, Chicago, Frankfurt and London.

David has spoken extensively on the topics of Mergers and Acquisitions transactions and Private Equity investments. He also possesses an admiration for venture stage entrepreneurs and takes on a select number of venture stage engagements each year, providing structuring advice, mentoring and financing contacts to worthy emerging companies. David sits on the board and is an officer of a number of public, private and charitable endeavours.

Called to the Bar

- Ontario (1989)

Education

- LL.B., University of Toronto, 1987
- B.A. with distinction, Queen's University, 1984

Affiliations

- Ontario Bar Association

Significant Transactions

David has acted on all manners of middle market acquisition, divestitures and refinancing transactions. A detailed deal list is available on request.

Awards

- Repeatedly recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* as a leading lawyer in Corporate Law

Professional Activities

- The Toronto Venture Group – Co-Founder, Past Chairman and Past Member of the Board
- Toronto Angel Group (now Maple Leaf Angels) – Co-Founder and Past Executive Working Group Committee Member
- Private Capital Markets Association of Canada – Co-Founder and President
- Make-A-Wish Foundation – Director
- Licence Suspension Appeals Tribunal – Vice-Chairman, Retired
- Toronto Distress Centres – Past Member of the Board

Speaking Engagements

- Quoted in "Ford government's appointment of Heather Zordel as OSC chair prompts resignations," The Globe & Mail, June 25, 2022
- Co-Chair and Speaker, Annual Canadian Private Equity Summit, Toronto, ON, 2004-2018
- Speaker, Financial Statements in Practice: M&A Case Study, Canadian Bar Association, Live Webinar, May 1, 2018
- Course Leader, 3rd M&A Agreements Conference, Toronto, ON, September 24-25, 2015
- Co-Chair, 2nd M&A Agreements Conference, Toronto, ON, September 16-17, 2013
- Co-Chair and Speaker, Series Round Venture Investment Forum, Toronto, ON, April 28-29, 2013
- Co-Chair and Speaker, 15th Annual Canadian Private Equity Summit: The Ongoing Evolution of Private Equity, Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, ON, November 13, 2013
- Chair, 2nd Annual EMDA Exempt Marketing Conference: Raising Capital Through the Cycle - Understand What Buyers Want and Deliver, National Club, Toronto, ON, May 2, 2013
- Chair, Winning and Financing Private Equity Transactions - Savvy Strategies from North America's Movers and Shakers, Toronto, ON, May 8-9, 2008
- Speaker, Enhancing Value of the Family Owned Business, The Canadian Institute, Toronto, ON, January 14-15, 2008
- Chair and Speaker, Effective Acquisition Strategies, 9th Annual M&A Skills Summit, Federated Press, Toronto, ON, September 24-26, 2007
- Chair, Effective Acquisition Strategies, 8th Annual M&A Skills Deal-Maker Summit, Federated Press, Toronto, ON, September 11-13, 2006
- Profiled in CCH Canadian Ltd.'s Canadian Securities Law News, "Highlights from the Canadian Institute's National Summit on Private Equity"
- Appeared on Linda Leatherdale's Money Line Television Show (Rogers 10) as an expert in

Mergers & Acquisitions, May 2, 2006

- Chair, Effective Acquisition Strategies, 7th Annual M&A Skills Deal-Maker Summit, Federated Press, Toronto, ON, September 6-8, 2005
- Speaker, The Advance Forum on Mergers & Acquisitions, The Canadian Institute, Toronto, ON, April 14-15, 2005
- Speaker, 3rd Annual Venture Skills Summit, Federated Press, The Canadian Institute, Toronto, ON, January 26-28, 2005
- Chair (a.m.) and Speaker, 6th Annual M&A Skills Deal-Maker Summit, Federated Press, Toronto, ON, September 8, 9 and 10, 2004
- Speaker, Venture Skills Summit, Federated Press, Toronto, ON, February 2-4, 2004

Publications

- The Collapse of a House of Cards: Estoppel by Convention and the Need for a Shared Assumption, August 31, 2020
- The Standard of Appellate Review for Standard Form Contracts versus CCAA Plans – *SFC Litigation Trust v. Chan*, 2019 ONCA 525, July 06, 2019
- International Commercial Arbitration Awards: When Does an Arbitration Award Become Binding?, August 03, 2018
- Equity Rules the Day: The Supreme Court of Canada Clarifies the Tenets of Proprietary Estoppel, January 08, 2018
- Webinar Series: All About Shareholders, December 07, 2017
- Make a Will Month provides an annual checkup for lawyers and the public, November 21, 2017
- “Investing in Justice: Expanding the Litigation Funding Industry to Estates and Trust Litigation, July 10, 2017
- “Wealth Planning for Personal Equity Plans (PEPs) and “High Risk” Clients: Risks and Challenges , July 10, 2017
- A Year in Review: The Far Reach of the IRS in Canada Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, January 23, 2015
- “Litigating Through the Grey Zone: The Law of Testamentary Capacity” in Annual Review of Civil Litigation 2014, December 31, 2014
- Tactical summons barrage leads to big indemnity, December 10, 2014
- Preservation, Patience and Persistence: The Dilemmas of a Litigator in Estates, October 09, 2014
- “Canada” in Global Legal Insights – Litigation & Dispute Resolution 3rd Ed., August 20, 2014
- Real Estate Licensing considerations for EMDs, October 30, 2013
- The Recovery of Stolen Assets in Canada: Civil and Criminal Remedies, October 17, 2013