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Practice Areas

Mergers & Acquisitions
Corporate
Private Equity
Banking & Financial Services
International/Cross Border

Shawn English is a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP.

Shawn helps private companies, entrepreneurs, and investors navigate complex transactions and achieve strategic results. He advises on mergers and acquisitions, financings, reorganizations, and a wide range of other corporate and commercial matters.

Shawn's practice spans a broad spectrum of clients and industries, including technology, healthcare, and manufacturing. He has guided clients and businesses through critical stages of growth, from early financings to complex, multi-million-dollar acquisitions and divestitures. Known for his candid advice and steady judgment under pressure, Shawn is valued for keeping deals on track and delivering strategic results.

Beyond transactions, Shawn serves as trusted commercial counsel, providing ongoing advice on procurement, distribution, service, and financing agreements, among other commercial matters. He is recognized for anticipating challenges and delivering practical, business-focused solutions that protect value and support long-term growth.

Having grown his practice at WeirFoulds from student to partner, Shawn combines deep firm experience with a grounded, business-minded perspective. He holds a J.D. from the University of Ottawa and a B.A. in Political Science from Western University.

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Called to the Bar

• Ontario (2017)

Education

- J.D., University of Ottawa, 2016
- B.A. (Political Science), Western University, 2012

Affiliations

• Ontario Bar Association

Significant Transactions

Mergers & Acquisitions:

- Represented a private investment firm on various acquisitions of portfolio companies operating in a range of industries, as well as related acquisition financing transactions
- Represented a globally recognized fitness company specializing in mindful movement fitness
 equipment and related educational courses and content on its divestiture of a majority stake to
 a private equity firm
- Represented a leading US-based advertising services and software company on its acquisition of a specialized video rendering company
- Represented a distributor of unified communications and connectivity products in the sale of its shares to a large Canadian distributor
- Represented a telecommunications company on the sale of its assets to a national telecommunications provider
- Represented an international cyber security firm in the sale of its shares to a global professional services firm.
- Represented a cloud-native development company in the sale of its shares to a global IT solutions group.
- Represented a utility management company in connection with its receipt of a minority equity investment from a private equity firm.
- Represented a Canadian subsidiary of a French bank in connection with its minority equity investments and mezzanine financing in a group of pharmacies and a logistics and warehousing business.
- Represented a cannabis management platform company on its acquisition of a licensed cannabis producer.
- Represented a toy production and distribution company in connection with its cross-border business combination with a US-based toy manufacturing and distribution company.
- Represented a market access firm in the healthcare sector on the sale of its assets to a large US-based pharmaceutical company.
- Represented a plastics processing and engineering firm on the acquisition of all of the assets of a machining manufacturer.

General Corporate and Commercial:

- Representing an established Canadian equipment and parts distributor engaged in the sale and servicing of power systems and industrial equipment and related components on a variety of commercial transactions and agreements, as well as acquisitions.
- Representing an equipment financing company on a variety of corporate and commercial
 matters, including drafting equipment lease and financing agreements and advising on related
 personal property security matters.
- Representing a utility management company in connection with various commercial matters and procurement agreements.
- Represented a toy production and distribution company in connection with its senior and mezzanine financing and refinancing, as well as corporate restructuring.

• Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* as an upcoming leading practitioner in Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2025, 2026)

Speaking Engagements

• Speaker, "Preparing for Due Diligence", Back to Basics: The Due Diligence Process, Law Society of Ontario, Online, November 27, 2023

Publications

- The Enforceability of Guarantees given by Officers and Directors of Corporate Borrowers and Sophisticated Individuals, October 23, 2018
- Update to Regulations and Distribution of Recreational Cannabis in Canadian Provinces and Territories, June 07, 2018
- Proposed Regulations and Distribution of Recreational Cannabis in Canadian Provinces and Territories, March 05, 2018