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Practice Areas

Corporate & Commercial

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Private Equity

Technology & Intellectual

Property

Bill Ross is a senior corporate lawyer who has extensive experience advising international public corporations, entrepreneurially-owned private businesses and not-for-profit corporations on corporate legal issues and corporate governance.

Bill has a diverse practice in corporate, commercial and not-for-profit law and has had experience in virtually all areas of those practices. His areas of practice include corporate governance, franchising, acquisitions and mergers, corporate financing, corporate restructuring, securities, competition, charities (with particular emphasis on health care entities), employment (including contracts, benefits, pensions and compensation plans), libel, and intellectual property.

Bill has served as a director of several Canadian corporations, including public, private, charitable and Crown corporations. This experience gives him insight into the needs of his corporate clients allowing him to provide the best strategic advice and insight.

Previous directorships include, the Royal Canadian Mint, Canada Development Investment Corporation (Chair), Canada Hibernia Holding Corporation (Chair), National Ballet of Canada, National Ballet Foundation (Secretary), Providence Centre, Chapters Inc., Keg Restaurants Inc. and Clean Environment Mutual Funds Ltd.

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Called to the Bar

- Ontario (1969)

Education

- LL.M., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1977
- LL.B., University of Toronto, 1967
- B.A. (Hons.), McGill University, 1964

Professional Activities

- Toronto Lawyers Association (Past President)
- Toronto Lawyers' Club (Past President)
- Osgoode Society (Director)
- Canadian Bar Association
- International Bar Association
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association (Associate)

Publications

- Working in Canada: An Overview of Employment Law, October 18, 2011
- Quiz: Corporate Governance in the Energy Sector, October 01, 2011
- The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act – Customer Service Standard, July 22, 2011