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Christian's practice focuses primarily on advising public and private companies and private equity sponsors on complex domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, reverse takeovers and going private transactions.

He also represents domestic, U.S. and other international clients in connection with corporate finance, securities and general corporate commercial matters in Canada and has regularly acted on behalf of issuers and underwriters on equity and debt financing transactions.

Christian's experience spans a broad range of industries, including financial services, technology, construction and mining.

Prior to joining BLG, Christian practiced at a leading national law firm. He has also held positions at a global development institution and a Canadian mid-market private equity firm.

Experience

- **Mergers and Acquisitions**
  - Umios Corporation as lead counsel in its announced acquisition of High Liner Foods Incorporated pursuant to a plan of arrangement under the *Companies Act* (Nova Scotia) in a transaction valued at C$1.3 billion.
  - An investor group led by a U.S.-based private equity firm in its C$1.9B going-private transaction involving a publicly-traded financing company.

- A U.S.-based private equity firm in its C$1.4B going-private transaction involving a publicly-traded technology solutions company.
- A Canadian private equity firm in its C$1.2B going-private transaction involving a publicly-traded North American funeral services provider.
- A financial services company in the sale of its Canadian student loan servicing business.
- A Canadian quick-service restaurant chain in its strategic combination with an associated income fund.
- A Canadian mining company in its US$800M acquisition of a Brazilian copper-gold mine.
- A Canadian trust company in its acquisition of the Canadian operations of an international trust company.
- A U.S.-based private equity firm in its acquisition of a Canadian confectionery company.
- A U.S.-based private equity firm in the acquisition of a Canadian laboratory services company.
- A Canadian private equity firm in its investment in a logistics company.
- A U.S.-based private equity firm in its investment in a Canadian software company.
- A U.S.-based private equity firm in its C$300M investment in a Canadian financial planning software company.
- A U.S.-based private equity firm in its C$159M investment in a Canadian educational technology company.
- A Canadian private equity firm in its acquisition of a food manufacturing company.
- A U.S. software company in its acquisition of a Canadian governance software company.
- A Canadian cannabis company in its acquisition of a greenhouse farming operation.
- A global financial technology company in its acquisition of a Canadian mortgage technology company.

- **Capital Markets**
  - A syndicate of underwriters led by major international and Canadian investment banks as joint bookrunners on the C$1.55B bought deal offering of common shares of a Canadian mining company and Canadian counsel to a syndicate led by an international investment bank on the US$1.6B offering of 9.375 per cent senior secured second lien notes; **(2025 IFLR America Awards winner of the High Yield Deal of the Year)**.
  - A Canadian fintech company in its initial public offering.
  - A semiconductor manufacturing company in its qualifying transaction.
  - A capital investment company in its qualifying transaction.
  - A U.S. cannabis retail and cultivation company in its qualifying transaction.
  - Major Canadian securities dealers in connection with a C$600M tender offer and a C$600M notes offering by a healthcare real estate investment trust.
  - A syndicate of agents co-led by two major Canadian securities dealers in connection with a $250M offering of notes by a Canadian civil air navigation services company.
  - A syndicate of underwriters co-led by major Canadian banks with respect to the C$250M private placement offering of notes of a Canadian chemical distribution company.

Insights & Events

- Co-Author, ""Canada" chapter, The Virtual Currency Regulation Review," Law Business Research, September 2023
- Co-Author, "Revolutionising jobs: can insolvency reform reduce credit risk for investors and help address unemployment in the Middle East and North Africa region?," Law in Transition, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2014

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Instructor, Western University Law School
- Students Committee leadership role

Community Involvement

- Founder and organizer of the Bay Street Classic, an annual hockey tournament involving 10 Bay Street law firms in support of the SickKids Foundation; raised over $80,000 for SickKids over three years
- Led a Movember Campaign at a previous firm, raising funds for men's health initiatives

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2026) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* as "Ones to Watch" (Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2017

- JD, University of Western Ontario, 2016
- B.B.A (finance) (with distinction), Wilfrid Laurier University, 2013

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