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Neil's practice is focused on cross-border mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and joint ventures. He also assists businesses with their expansion into Canada and advises on local and international agency and distribution agreements.

Neil regularly advises strategic and private equity buyers in diverse industries on Canadian and international platform and bolt-on acquisitions.

## Experience

- Advised Atlanta-based East West Manufacturing in connection with its acquisition of Varitron Group.
- Advised Playtika Holding Corp, a leading mobile gaming company and monetization platform, in US\$1.9 billion initial public offering.
- Advised the founders and shareholders of Bad Monkey Popcorn in connection with its sale to an investor group led by Champlain Capital Corporation.
- Advised Triple M Metal in connection with its joint venture with ArcelorMittal Long Products Canada to create Integrated Metal Recycling Inc.
- Advised private equity firm MACH Capital in connection with its acquisition of outdoor equipment retailer La Cordée Plein Air following the approval of the Québec Superior Court.

- Advised VetStrategy in connection with Berkshire Partners' acquisition of a majority stake in VetStrategy from Imperial Capital with a deal value of over US\$1 billion.
- Advised Revision Military Inc. and its affiliates in connection with the carve-out and sale of its global eyewear business.
- Advised LA-based private equity firm PMC Capital Group in connection with its acquisition of StyroChem Canada, a leading manufacturer of expandable polystyrene grades used in food service, packaging, construction, casting and speciality applications.
- Advised Indiana-based Elanco Animal Health in connection with its acquisition of biotechnology company Prevtex Microbia Inc.
- Advised Illinois-based Hilco Global, an independent financial services group, in connection with La Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec's acquisition of a 27% stake in Hilco.
- Advised Textiles Amalgamated Inc. and its shareholders, including Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins, in connection with the sale of the company to Town & Country Holdings, an H.I.G. Capital Portfolio Company.
- Advised QuintilesIMS regarding its acquisition of STI Technologies Limited, an outsourced pharma services and tech provider, from private equity firm Imperial Capital Group.
- Advised HollyFrontier Corporation regarding its acquisition of Suncor Energy's Petro-Canada Lubricants business for C\$1.125 billion.
- Advised Caesars Interactive Entertainment regarding its US\$4.4 billion sale of its Playtika social and mobile games business to Alpha Frontier Limited.

## Insights & Events

- [Co-Author, "Arbitration and COVID-19," NYSBA One on One, Fall/Winter 2020](#)
- Private Equity Rollups: Strategic Considerations
- Chair, "Inside the Gaming World with Playtika's Eric Rapps," Montréal JCC, 2018
- Co-author, "Joint Ventures," Thomson Reuters' European Lawyer Reference Series and Practical Law Global Guide, 2012 and 2015 to present
- Co-author, Kluwer Law's International Encyclopedia of Agency and Distribution Agreements, 2011 to present.

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member of the Québec Bar
- Member of the New York State Bar
- Director of the Lord Reading Law Society since 2009

### Community Involvement

- Director of Federation CJA
- Co-chair of the 2010-2011, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 CJA Leadership Development Course
- Co-chair of a \$400,000 fundraising campaign benefitting the Paul-André Crépeau Centre for Private and Comparative Law (McGill University Law School)
- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids, 2005-present

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A*
- Recognized in the 2021 edition (and since 2019) of *IFLR1000 – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms* (Private Equity)
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Mergers and Acquisitions Law).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition (and since 2017) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert®* Directory (Corporate Mid-Market).
- Winner of BLG Montréal's 2018 Mentor of the Year Award

## Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2005
- New York State, 2003
  
- BCL/LLB, McGill University, 2002
- Graduate Diploma in Management, McGill University, 1999
- BA, McGill University, 1997

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