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Ken specializes in banking, secured and unsecured debt financing, corporate restructuring, bankruptcy and insolvency, project finance and venture capital.

He has represented numerous loan syndicates in connection with such matters, including loans and insolvencies in multiple jurisdictions.

Ken is the former Financial Services Group national practice group leader (2008-15).

Experience

- Representing a syndicate co-led by **RBC Capital Markets** and **TD Securities** in the \$2.6B financing of Bell Canada.
- Representing **Citibank**, **TD Securities** and others in the financing of the (aborted) take-over of BCE Inc. (in excess of \$30B).
- Representing a syndicate led by **RBC Capital Markets**, **CIBC** and **The Bank of Nova Scotia** in the \$600M financing of Dollarama Inc.
- Representing two syndicates led by **BMO Capital Markets** in the financing of two privately held multinational companies with operations in more than 15 countries.
- Representing a syndicate led by **The Toronto-Dominion Bank** in the \$90M project financing of a biomass power plant in Québec.

- Representing an important stakeholder in connection with Abitibi Consolidated's *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA) proceedings.
- Representing **Bear Stearns** in its financing of the takeover of Reuters plc by Thomson Corp.
- Representing **Société Générale** (Canada) in connection with the insolvency of Québecor World Inc.
- Representing **John Hancock Life Insurance Company** in the monetization of a \$100M sponsorship agreement with Bell Canada to provide Bell with advertising prominence in the home arena for the Montréal Canadiens hockey team. Parties included the Canadiens, the National Hockey League (NHL), Molson Breweries and others.
- Advising a syndicate of Canadian banks led by **Bank of Montréal** in providing \$1.125B acquisition financing for the purchase of Brazilian brewer Kaiser by Molson Breweries.

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Insolvency Institute of Canada
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member, International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals
- Member, International Bar Association
- Adjunct professor, "Bankruptcy and Insolvency," McGill University, 1985-present

Community Involvement

- Member, Quebec Board of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, a charity that preserves land in its natural state

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2006-2021 editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Banking and Finance Law; Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law) and the 2016-2021 editions (Project Finance Law)
- Recognized in the 2020 (and in 2013-2018) editions of *Chambers Global — The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Banking & Finance)
- Recognized in the 2020 (and in 2013-2018) editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert*® *Directory* (Banking and Financial Institutions; Insolvency & Financial Restructuring)
- Recognized in the 2016-2019 editions of *Chambers Canada— Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Banking & Finance)
- Recognized in the 2018, 2017 and 2015 editions of *Lexpert*®/*ROB Special Edition — Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers*
- Recognized as a leading banking and finance lawyer in the 2014-2018 editions of *The Legal 500 Canada*
- Recognized as "project finance lawyer of the year — Montréal" in the 2019 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*®
- Recognized in the 2014-2019 editions of *IFLR1000 — The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms* (Banking)
- Recognized as a 2017 Acritas Star
- Earned a Martindale-Hubbell® BV® Distinguished™ rating (4.4 out of 5 in peer reviews)

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 1981
- LLB/BCL, McGill University, 1980
- Law Society of Upper Canada, 1988

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