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# Frank Callaghan Senior Counsel

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Frank practises corporate and commercial law with a focus on **mergers and acquisitions**, **commercial transactions and corporate finance**.

He counsels international and domestic **public and private companies** and their **shareholders in government matters, directors' obligations, shareholders rights, and all** aspects of corporate, securities and commercial laws.

Frank's practice includes:

- Acting for vendors, purchasers and other stakeholders in connection with divestitures and acquisitions.
- Acting for both financial institutions and borrowers in financings, restructurings and related transactions, including acting for issuers in public debt offerings.
- Negotiating and establishing credit facilities and restructurings.
- Managing complex corporate/commercial transactions, including joint ventures, real estate syndications, and corporate reorganizations and combinations.

Frank is a member of the firm's National Management Committee.

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# Experience

- Advised Trilliant Networks (Canada) Inc., a leading international provider of utility solutions for advanced metering and smart grid systems, in its acquisition of PrimeStone, a privately owned intelligent data collection and analytics company.
- Represented Canada Enterprise Emergency Funding Corporation in connection with \$700 million LEEFF loans to Transat A.T. Inc.
- Represented Canada Enterprise Emergency Funding Corporation in connection with \$375 million LEEFF loans to Sunwing Vacations Inc. and Sunwing Airlines Inc.
- Advised Canada Enterprise Emergency Funding Corporation in the development and implementation of the Large Employer Emergency Funding Facility in connection with COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Special Committee of Corus Entertainment Inc. in connection with its \$2.65 billion acquisition of Shaw Media.
- \$860 million secondary offering of shares of Northland Power Holdings Inc. by its principal shareholder.
- Counsel to U.S. private equity funds in their acquisition of private Canadian manufacturers.
- Counsel to major Canadian retailer in its disposition of numerous food and pharmacy operations.
- UE Waterheater Income Fund on its \$1.74 billion public takeover by Alinda Capital Partners.
- UE Waterheater Income Fund on its acquisition of Protectron Inc. and related public offering of Subscription Receipts.
- Power Stream Inc. in its merger with Barrie Hydro.
- L-3 Communications Canada Inc. in its acquisition of Bombardier's Military Aviation Services division.
- Sterling Chemicals Inc. in the sale of Sterling Pulp Chemicals Ltd. to Superior Plus.
- The Special Committee of Osprey Media on its \$573 million takeover by Québecor Inc.
- The Special Committee of VFC Inc. on its takeover by The Toronto-Dominion Bank.
- North American Energy Partners Inc. in connection with its U.S. bond offerings, cross-border initial public offering and subsequent public offerings.

# **Insights & Events**

- Author, "2018 Year-End M&A Review and 2019 Trends to Watch For", BLG Article, January 2019
- Author, "M&A Trends to Watch For in 2019", BLG Article, January 2019
- Author, "2017 Year-End MA Review and 2018 Trends to Watch For", BLG Article, January 2018
- Author, "The Resource: BLG Energy Law Blog March 2017", BLG Article, April 2017
- Author, "BLG Earns Strong Positioning for 2017 From Top 2016 Rankings in Corporate Finance", BLG Article, February 2017
- Author, "BLG Poised for Mergers and Acquisitions in 2017", BLG Article, January 2017

# **Beyond Our Walls**

#### **Professional Involvement**

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Past Corporate Secretary to a number of public entities including UE Waterheater Income Fund, Spar Aerospace Limited and North American Energy Partners Inc.
- Past Director, Caradon Limited, formerly Indal Limited (a diversified building products manufacturing company) and Upper Lakes Group Inc.



#### **Community Involvement**

• Past Treasurer and Member, Executive Committee, UNICEF (Ontario)

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2008) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2022) of Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A
- Recognized in the 2024 (and since 2018) editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Corporate Commercial Law, Corporate Mid-Market, Private Equity), the 2022-2024 edition (Mergers & Acquisitions) and in the 2018-2019 editions (Corporate Finance and Securities).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Technology & Health Sciences*
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of Lexpert Special Edition: Technology
- Recognized as a leading infrastructure lawyer in the 2020 edition (and previous editions) of the *Lexpert*® *ROB Special Edition on Infrastructure*.
- Recognized in the 2018 edition (and since 2013) of *Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Mid-Market).

### **Bar Admission & Education**

- Ontario, 1982
- LLB, University of Western Ontario, 1980

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