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Fred advises public companies and underwriters in connection with a broad range of transactions and issues, including **mergers and acquisitions**, corporate finance, corporate governance, continuous disclosure and general commercial matters

Although Fred acts for clients across a diverse range of industries, he has a particular focus on **mining**. In the mining field, Fred acts for Canadian and international mining companies in connection with a variety of matters, including:

- acquisitions and dispositions of mines
- development projects and exploration properties
- agreements
- expropriations
- NI 43-101 reporting obligations.

Fred frequently advises boards of directors and special committees of public companies. He also has considerable experience in the field of **shareholder activism**.

With his vast expertise in the field, Fred is the national leader of our Mining Group.

Experience

- Counsel to Guyana Goldfields Inc. in connection with its successful defence of a proxy contest launched by its former Executive Chairman.
- Counsel to Imperial Metals Corporation in its sale of a 70 per cent interest in the Red Chris mine in British Columbia to Newcrest Mining Limited for US\$806.6 million and a follow-on joint venture between the parties for the ongoing operation of the Red Chris mine.
- Counsel to Pan American Silver Corp. in connection with its US\$1.07 billion acquisition of Tahoe Resources Inc.
- Counsel to the Special Committee of Nevsun Resources Ltd. In connection with an unsolicited \$1.5 billion acquisition proposal from Lundin Mining Corporation and Euro Sun Mining Inc.
- Counsel to Alterra Power Corp. in connection with its \$1.1 billion acquisition by Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.
- Counsel to Anfield Gold Corp. in connection with its \$400 million business combination with Trek Mining Inc. and NewCastle Gold Ltd. to create Equinox Gold Corp.
- Counsel to the CEO and Founder of Payfirma Corporation in his successful proxy fight to remove three directors from the board.
- Counsel to Pan American Silver Corp. in connection with the \$100 million spinoff of Maverix Metals Inc., a public royalty and streaming company.
- Counsel to the Special Committee of Eldorado Gold Corporation in connection with the US\$900 million sale of mines and development projects in China to Yintai Resources Co. Ltd. and China National Gold Group.
- Counsel to Northview Apartment REIT on a \$74.8 million bought deal offering of trust units.
- Counsel to Alterra Power Corp. on a \$68 million combined bought deal and private placement offering of common shares.
- Counsel to Dolly Varden Silver Corp. in its successful defence against a hostile take-over bid by Hecla Mining Company.
- Underwriters' counsel on a \$57.5 million bought deal offering of common shares of Sandstorm Gold Ltd.
- Counsel to Cameco Corporation on the restructuring of its Inkai uranium joint venture in Kazakhstan with Kazatomprom JSC, a state-owned enterprise.
- Counsel to the Special Committee of Taseko Mines Limited in connection with its successful proxy fight against a shareholder activist.
- Counsel to Panoro Minerals Ltd. on a \$140 million streaming transaction with Silver Wheaton (Caymans) Ltd. linked to production from the Cotabambas project in Peru
- Counsel to Northern Property REIT on the \$845 million acquisition of True North Apartment REIT and a private portfolio of multi-family properties from affiliates of Starlight Investments Ltd. and Public Sector Pension Investment Board.
- Counsel to Teck Resources Limited on a US\$610 million streaming transaction with an affiliate of Franco Nevada Corporation linked to silver production from the Antamina mine in Peru.
- Counsel to Teck Resources Limited on a US\$525 million streaming transaction with an affiliate of Royal Gold, Inc. linked to gold production from the Carmen de Andacollo mine in Chile.
- Counsel to Alterra Power Corp. on a C\$110 million loan facility in connection with the 62 MW Jimmie Creek hydro project in British Columbia and the 204 MW Shannon wind project in Texas.
- Counsel to Lumina Copper Corp. on its \$470-million acquisition by First Quantum Minerals Ltd.
- Underwriters' counsel on a \$1 billion public offerings of debentures by Cameco Corporation.
- Counsel to Pan American Silver Corp. on its \$1.5 billion acquisition of Minefinders Corporation Ltd.
- Counsel to Eldorado Gold Corporation in connection with its \$2.5 billion acquisition of European Goldfields Limited.
- Counsel to Miedzi Copper Corp. in connection with a \$100 million private equity financing.

- Counsel to the Special Committee of Far West Mining Ltd. on its \$725 million acquisition by Capstone Mining Corp. and Korea Resources Corporation.
- Counsel to K+ S Aktiengesellschaft on its \$434 million friendly take-over bid for Potash One Inc.
- Canadian counsel to Avoca Resources Limited on its \$2 billion merger with Anatolia Minerals Development Limited.

Insights & Events

- Pan American Silver Resolves Human Rights Claim Against Tahoe
- Moderator, "Taking the Fight Public: The Role of Shareholder Engagement," Shareholder Activism, Unlocking Shareholder Value Conference, January 25, 2018
- Speaker, "Managing Long-Term Value Creation Through Effective Engagement Policies and Best Practices: How Can Boards Work Effectively with Shareholders, Institutional Investors and Management," 4th Annual Shareholder Engagement in Canadian Companies Conference, November 2, 2017
- Speaker, "Effective Tips and Techniques: How Canadian Managers Have Successfully Responded to Activism," Global Shareholder Engagement & Activism Summit, September 27, 2017
- Co-author, "Do I hear an Eco? OSC Approach to Share Issuances in Proxy Fight Echoes the Approach in Take-overs," BLG Securities and Capital Markets Bulletin, August 2017
- British Columbia Court of Appeal Rules on Corporate Veil Case: Garcia V. Tahoe Resources INC.
- Are Private Placements The New Poison Pill? No, But They May Cause Some Indigestion
- David Defeats Goliath
- Reporting Entities Begin Required Enrollment with NRCAN
- Co-Author, "Saying What You're Paying: New Extractive Sector Transparency Reporting Initiatives in the United States, EU/UK and Canada"; 62 Rocky Mt. Min. L. Inst. 7-1, 2016 (with Kevin O'Callaghan, Thomas M. Rose and Robert J. Wilder).
- Keynote Speaker, "Shareholder Activism in the Canadian Mining and Energy Industries," Management and Economics Society (MES), Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Convention in Vancouver, 2016.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Director, K+S Legacy GP Inc., which is currently constructing the US\$4.1 billion Legacy potash mine in Saskatchewan, 2011-present
- Member, Toronto Stock Exchange Listings Advisory Committee, 2014-present
- Member, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum

Community Involvement

- Director, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, 2013-present
- Soccer Coach, Vancouver Athletic FC, 2006-present

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2020 edition (and since 2012) of Chambers Global — The World's Leading Lawyers for Business (Mining (International & Cross-Border)).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition of Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business (Energy & Natural Resources: Mining).
- Recognized as a Lawyer of the Year in the 2020 edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada® (Corporate Governance Practice)
- Recognized in the 2020 edition (and since 2008) of The Best Lawyers in Canada® (Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Mining Law, Natural Resources Law, Securities Law) and Corporate Governance Practice.
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of the Lexpert® Guide to US/Canada Cross-border Lawyers in Canada.
- Recognized in the 2020 edition (and since 2015) of Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business (Corporate/Commercial).
- Recognized in the 2020 edition (and since 2017) of IFLR1000 — The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms (Highly regarded-Capital Markets: Equity, M&A).
- Recommended in the 2019 edition of The Legal 500 Canada as a "Leading Lawyer" (Energy: Mining). Also recognized in the 2017 and 2016 editions (Corporate; Capital Markets, Energy: Mining).
- Recognized in the 2019 (and since 2012) editions of The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada (Corporate Finance & Securities, Corporate Mid-Market, Mining).
- Recognized in the 2019 and 2018 editions of the Lexpert®/ROB Special Edition – Canada's Leading Corporate Lawyers.
- Recognized in the 2018 edition of The Legal 500 Canada as "Leading Lawyer" Nationwide (Capital Markets).
- Recognized in the 2017 editions (and since 2014) of Chambers Latin America — Latin America's Leading Lawyers for Business (Latin America-wide, Projects: Mining — Leading Canadian Firms).
- Recognized in the 2017 (and since 2013) editions of the Lexpert®/Report on Business Corporate Special Edition.
- Recognized in the 2017 edition (and since 2015) of the Lexpert® Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada (Corporate Finance & Securities; Mergers & Acquisitions; Mining).
- Recognized as a leading Canadian lawyer in the 2016/2015 Lexpert® Special Edition on Global Mining.
- Recognized in the 2019 (and since 2013) editions of The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory (Mining, Corporate Finance & Securities, Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Mid-Market, Corporate Commercial Law).
- Recognized in the 2016 (and since 2013) edition of Who's Who Legal: Canada (Mining).
- Recognized in the 2017 (and since 2013) edition of Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Mining Lawyers.
- Recognized by Acritas Stars™ .

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 1993
- LLM, Columbia Law School, 1993,
- LLB, University of Toronto, 1991,
- AB (magna cum laude), Harvard University, 1988,



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