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Olivier's practice is focused on corporate finance, secured transactions, restructuring and the regulation of financial institutions. Olivier represents financial institutions, including banks, and borrowers in connection with:

- private and public financing
- project financing
- syndicated and cross-border loans
- alternative financing through asset-based lending
- leasing
- structured finance

In 2003-2004, Olivier served as law clerk to the Honourable Madam Justice Marie Deschamps of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Experience

- Represented Telesat in $2.54B funding agreement (for its subsidiary, Telesat LEO Inc.) for its broadband satellite constellation.
- Bell Media in its acquisition of Octane Racing Group , the exclusive promoter of the Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix, the largest annual sports and tourism event in Canada.
- Lead counsel to The Toronto-Dominion Bank in connection with the syndicated credit facilities of Bell Canada.

- Lead counsel to Royal Bank of Canada in connection with the syndicated secured credit facilities of Dollarama.
- Lead counsel to The Toronto-Dominion Bank in connection with the syndicated cross-border secured credit facilities of Vision7 International.
- Lead counsel to National Bank of Canada in connection with secured credit facilities of several portfolio companies of Namakor Holdings.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Immediate and permanent changes to Canada's anti-money laundering laws", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Coming changes to Canada's anti-money laundering laws", BLG Article, April 2022
- Author, "Obligations of financial services providers and payment services providers under the Emergencies Act Order", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Canada's new retail payments oversight framework: Draft legislation is finally published", BLG Article, June 2021
- Presenter, "Préparer et gérer la disparition du Libor : considérations financières et contractuelles," Conference on Finance and Secured Transactions, Open Forum, Montréal, January 26 2021
- Author, "Taking security in Québec: Guidance for U.S. lenders", BLG Article, December 2020
- Co-presenter, "Conventions de tolérance : éléments de rédaction et enjeux juridiques," Financial Services Symposium, BLG, Montréal, November 8 2017
- Presenter, "Offres de financement en contexte d'acquisition : gestion des risques – développements récents," Canadian Bar Association, Québec Branch, Business Section – Banks and Financial Institutions Committee, Montréal, October 5 2017
- Author, "Department of Finance Launches Second Round of Consultations on Reform of Federal Financial Institution Statutes", BLG Article, August 2017
- Author, "Canadian Government Tables Bail-In Regulations", BLG Article, August 2017
- Author, "Regulation of Payment in Service Providers in Canada: Proposal for a New Retail Payments Regulatory Regime", BLG Article, July 2017
- Author, "New Amendments to Consumer Credit Provisions of Québec's Consumer Protection Act", BLG Article, June 2017
- Presenter, "La gestion du risque de financement dans les transactions d'acquisition," Conference on Finance and Secured Transactions, Open Forum, Montréal, June 5, 2017
- Co-presenter, "Développements récents et tendances en financement," National Financial Services Symposium, BLG, Montréal, November 9, 2016
- Author, "Regulating Fintech in Canada", BLG Article, October 2016
- Author, "Canadian Bank Regulator Issues Final Guidance on Operational Risk Management", BLG Article, August 2016
- Co-presenter, "Impact pratique du Projet de Loi 28 sur la prise de sûretés au Québec," Conference on Finance and Secured Transactions, Open Forum, Montréal, June 8, 2016
- Author, "Canadian Government Tables Bail-In Legislation", BLG Article, April 2016

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2024) of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Derivatives Law) and since 2019 (Banking and Finance Law) and since 2021 (Structured Finance Law) and named 'Lawyer of the Year' in 2026, 2025 and in 2023.
- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2020) of *Chambers Canada* (Banking & Finance (Nationwide - Canada)).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *Chambers Global* (Banking & Finance).
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *IFLR1000* (Financial and Corporate).
- Recognized in the 2024 of *The Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada*.
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of the *Legal 500 Canada* as a "Next Generation Partner" (Banking & Finance).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2021) of *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Asset Equipment Finance/Leasing; Asset-Based Lending; Banking & Financial Institutions) and 2018-2020 (Banking and Financial Institutions).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance.*
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2023) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A.*
- Recognized as a 2019 *Lexpert Rising Star: Leading Lawyers Under 40.*
- Recognized as an Acritas Star in 2019 and 2020.

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2003

- LLB, Université de Montréal, 2002, (Gold Medalist)

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