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Andrew focuses on corporate and securities law, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, corporate governance and other commercial matters. He also works with a number of securities registrants in connection with the formation, management and operation of investment funds in Canada.

Andrew acts for public and private companies, underwriters, institutional and strategic investors, private equity firms and investment dealers in a wide range of industry sectors.

Experience

- **Mergers & acquisitions**
  - Acted for Guardian Capital Group Limited in its $1.67 billion go-private transaction with Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc.
  - Acted for Cormark Securities Inc., an independent investment bank, in its acquisition by ATB Financial, the largest financial institution headquartered in Western Canada.
  - Acted for Wealth One Bank of Canada, a Canadian Schedule 1 bank governed by the *Bank Act* (Canada), in its acquisition by a consortium of strategic investors led by Globalive.
  - Acted for Organigram Holdings Inc. (TSX: OGI), a leading producer of cannabis, in its acquisition of Motif Labs Ltd.
  - Acted for Guardian Capital Group Limited, a global investment management company, in its acquisition of Galibier Capital Management Ltd., an independent Toronto-based investment management firm.

- Acted for Guardian Capital Group Limited in its sale of the Worldsource business to Desjardins.
- Acted for Supreme Cannabis Company, Inc. in its sale to Canopy Growth Corporation.
- Acted for Virtu Financial in the sale of its MatchNow business to Cboe Global Markets.
- Acted for Pivot Technology Solutions, Inc. in its sale to Computacenter plc.
- Acted for Starlight Capital in its acquisition of Stone Investments Group.
- Acted for MYM Nutraceuticals in its sale to IM Cannabis Corp.
- Acted for Retirement Concepts in its sale of 24 seniors residences to Cedar Tree Investment.
- ZYUS Life Sciences Inc. in its acquisition of Revon Systems.
- Acted for a Canadian construction materials manufacturer in its acquisition of a roofing distribution business.
- Represented Excel Funds Management Inc. in its sale to Sun Life Global Investments.
- Acted for a European construction materials manufacturer in its acquisition of a Canadian distribution network.
- Acted for Globalive Capital and a consortium of investors in their acquisition of VimpelCom's interest in WIND Mobile.

- **Corporate finance**
  - Loblaw Companies Limited in its $350 million and $800 million offerings of senior unsecured notes, as well as other equity and debt offerings of Loblaw securities.
  - Loblaw Companies Limited in its $2 billion shelf prospectus for common shares, debt securities and preferred shares, and George Weston Limited in its $1.5 billion shelf prospectus for common shares, debt securities and preferred shares.
  - Acted for a Canadian life sciences company in connection with both debt and equity offerings.
  - Act for numerous Canadian start-ups and small companies in raising capital and negotiating joint venture agreements, shareholder agreements and partnership agreements.
- **Private equity, venture capital and strategic investments**
  - Acted for Allianz X in its investment in Purpose Financial.
  - Acted for Organigram Holdings Inc. in its strategic investment in Green Tank Technologies Corp.
  - Act for a large Canadian private equity fund in various investments across Canada.
- **Fund formation**
  - Established a series of real estate funds for an investor focused on the Ontario real estate market.
  - Established a private equity fund for a Canadian wealth manager.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Access model for continuous disclosure documents finalized by Canadian Securities Administrators", BLG Article, July 2026
- Author, "M&A trends for Canadian asset managers: BLG’s observations and insights looking ahead to 2024", BLG Article, December 2023
- Author, "Proposed TSX Amendments to the SPAC Regime", BLG Article, July 2018
- Author, "‘To Be or Not To Be (a Security)': Regulatory Oversight of Crypto-Assets ", BLG Article, August 2017

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Corporate Mid-Market)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: M&A*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A*

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2014

- JD, University of Toronto, 2013
- B.Sc. (Joint Hons.) in International Relations with History, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2010

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