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- Appointed by the U.K. Government to its trade law panel, along with consortium partners, to provide services in international trade disputes and international trade negotiations. Assisting with the U.K.’s CPTPP accession negotiations and free trade negotiations.
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- K+S Aktiengesellschaft on the US$1.47 billion sale of its Canadian salt assets to Stone Canyon Industries Holdings LLC, Mark Demetree and Partners.
- John Wood Group PLC, a British multinational energy services company, in the US$67 million sale of its joint venture interest in TransCanada Turbines to joint venture partner TC Energy.
- Canadian counsel for Cambridge Education Group Limited (headquartered in the U.K.) in its sale CATS Colleges Holdings Limited to a subsidiary of Bright Scholar Education Holdings Limited (NYSE: BEDU), the largest operator of international and bilingual schools in China.
- Canadian counsel for global Europe-based innovative pharmaceutical companies on patent and trademark issues.
- Groupe Bastide's acquisition of sleep apnea treatment and diagnostic company Medpro Respiratory Care.
- Acted for a U.K. offshore vessel company in connection with its C$3 million acquisition of one of Canada's largest ship building companies.
- Represented the vendor Balfour Beatty PLC in the US$1.3 billion sale of its professional services division – Parsons Brickerhoff Group Inc. — to WSP Global Inc.
- Acted in the sale of a U.K. equipment rental business for C$171 million and in the US$465 million purchase of a distribution and support business operating in South America, West Canada and the U.K.
- Acted for a Canadian mining company in a C$11.5 million private acquisition of a shareholding interest in a mining company listed on the London AIM market, with gold mining property in Zimbabwe.

- Represented a global investment bank as their Canadian counsel in connection with a C$17.2 billion financing commitment regarding the amalgamation of an electronic data provider and a U.K. international news agency.
- Represented a major Canadian bank which lead a syndicate of underwriters in a short form prospectus offering worth US$38.35 million for an international gold developer.
- Represented a U.K. international education and information business in a C$950 million acquisition of a US-based educational and clinical testing and performance management services company.
- Acted for a publicly-listed U.K. animal genetics company in the US$35.6 million purchase of life sciences business in Québec.

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