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Fred has 30 years of experience helping public companies and investment dealers achieve successful outcomes on 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 advises for Canadian and international mining companies on a variety of situation, including:

- acquisitions and dispositions of mines, development projects and exploration properties
- joint venture and option agreements
- royalty and metal streaming agreements
- expropriations
- NI 43-101 reporting obligations.

With his vast experience in the industry, Fred is the national leader of our Mining Group.

Fred frequently advises boards of directors and special committees of public companies. He also has considerable experience in the fields of **shareholder activism** and **real estate investment trusts (REITs).**

Fred is a member of the firm's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiative.

Experience

- Counsel to Grupa Kęty in its proposed €645 million acquisition of Metra, an Italy-headquartered manufacturer of extruded aluminum products, from KPS Capital Partners.
- Counsel to Pan American Silver Corp. in its US$2.1 billion acquisition of MAG Silver Corp.
- Counsel to Pan American Silver Corp. in its US$4.8 billion acquisition of Yamana Gold Inc. and contemporaneous sale of Yamana's Canadian assets to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited by way of a plan of arrangement.
- Underwriter's counsel on a US$747.6 million bought deal offering of common shares by Cameco Corporation.
- Counsel to Cameco Corporation in its $187 million acquisition with Orano Canada Inc. of a 7.875 per cent participating interest in the Cigar Lake Joint Venture from Idemitsu Canada Resources Ltd.
- Counsel to Bear Creek Mining Corporation in its acquisition of the Mercedes gold-silver mine in Sonora Mexico from Equinox Gold Corp. for a purchase price of approximately US$148.5 million.
- Counsel to Group Mach Acquisition Inc. in its acquisition of approximately C$ 1.5 billion of retail and office properties as a part of the broader acquisition of Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust pursuant to a plan of arrangement by a consortium led by Canderel Real Estate Property Inc. and the acquisition of Cominar's industrial properties by Blackstone.
- Counsel to Nanotech Security Corp. in its C$90.8 million acquisition by Meta Materials Inc. by way of a plan of arrangement.
- Counsel to 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.
- Counsel to Northview Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust on its $4.9 billion sale by plan of arrangement to Starlight Investments and KingSett Capital.
- Counsel to Aimia Inc. in connection with the $525 million merger of its Loyalty Solutions businesses with Kognitiv Corporation.
- Counsel to Mittleman Brothers LLC in connection with their successful shareholder activism campaign to reconstitute the board of Aimia Inc.
- 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 its successful defence to an unsolicited $1.5 billion acquisition proposal from Lundin Mining Corporation and Euro Sun Mining Inc. and its subsequent $1.86 billion friendly takeover by Zijin Mining Group Co. Ltd.
- 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 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

- Author, "From buybacks to enhanced disclosure: Canadian Securities Administrators signal a shift in regulation", BLG Article, June 2026
- Author, "Creative deal-making navigates Canadian national security review in the critical minerals sector", BLG Article, February 2025
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Trends: Why it’s important and what you need to know, BLG Perspective, June 2023
- Quoted, "Voting advice," CIM Magazine, October 2022
- Author, "More than marketing How to share your ESG story with investors", BLG Article, June 2022
- Author, "Top 10 commercial decisions of 2021", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Recent Canadian M&A Developments and Outlook for 2022 – Will the Party Continue?", BLG Article, February 2022
- Author, "Dual-class share structure issues in the spotlight in Rogers battle", BLG Article, November 2021
- BLG Talks Mining: Where do we go from here?, BLG Video, June 2021
- Co-Chair, “Securities Law - Advanced Issues,” The Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, 2004-present.

- Co-Author, “The Barbarians Are Past the Gate: Shareholder Activism in the Resources Industries—Canadian and U.S. Trends and Tactics,” 65 Rocky Mt. Min. L. Inst. 16-1, 2019 (with Aneliya S. Crawford).
- Author, "Pan American Silver Resolves Human Rights Claim Against Tahoe", BLG Article, September 2019
- 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
- Author, "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", BLG Article, August 2017
- Author, "British Columbia Court of Appeal Rules on Corporate Veil Case: Garcia V. Tahoe Resources INC.", BLG Article, February 2017
- Author, "David Defeats Goliath", BLG Article, July 2016
- Author, "Reporting Entities Begin Required Enrollment with NRCAN", BLG Article, June 2016
- 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.
- Author, “Force Majeure (and other useful French profanities),” 59 Rocky Mt. Min. L. Inst. 17-1, 2013 (with Anthony Zoobkoff).
- Author, “ROFR Madness! Rights of First Refusal in Mining and Oil & Gas Transactions,” 56 Rocky Mt. Min L. Inst. 4-1, 2010 (with Anthony Zoobkoff).
- Author/Speaker, “Mining Joint Ventures – Structures and Agreements – North America,” International Bar Association Section Biennial Conference on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources & Infrastructure, in Copenhagen, 2008.
- Author, “Gotcha! Turning Confidentiality and Standstill Agreements into Gold Mines,” 53 Rocky Mt. Min L. Inst. 28-1, 2007 (with Anthony Zoobkoff).

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mining’s Mining Working Group, 2018 – present
- Member, Toronto Stock Exchange Listings Advisory Committee, 2014-2020
- Trustee, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, 2009-2011
- Member, Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum

Community Involvement

- Director, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, 2013-present

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2008) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Governance Practice; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Mining Law; Natural Resources Law; Securities Law) and named 'Lawyer of the Year' in 2026 (Corporate Governance Practice).
- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2015) of *Chambers Canada* (Energy & Natural Resources: Mining and Corporate/Commercial (British Columbia)).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2010) of *Chambers Global — The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Mining (International & Cross-Border)) and in the 2026, 2025 and 2024 edition (Corporate/ M&A)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2013) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Corporate Commercial Law; Corporate Finance & Securities; Corporate Mid-Market; Mergers & Acquisitions; Mining)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *Lexpert Special Edition: M&A*
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance*
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2021) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Finance and M&A.*
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Mining.*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2017) of *IFLR1000* (Highly regarded - Capital Markets: Equity, M&A).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2015) of the *Legal 500 Canada* as a "Leading individual" (Energy and natural resources: mining)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy and Mining.*
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2015) of *Lexpert Special Edition on Mining*
- Listed in the 2022 edition (and since 2021) of Business in Vancouver’s BC 500, recognizing the 500 most influential business leaders in British Columbia.
- Recognized as a 2023 edition (and since 2017) *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2013) of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Mining).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2013) of *Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Mining Lawyers*.
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Ranked in the 2021 and 2020 MergerLinks Top 10 M&A Lawyers in Canada League Table.
- Ranked in the 2022 edition (and since 2020) of MergerLinks Top 10 M&A Lawyers in Canada League Table.
- Recommended in the 2022 and the 2019 editions of *The Legal 500 Canada* as a "Leading Lawyer" (Energy: Mining). Also recognized in the 2018, 2017 and 2016 editions (Corporate; Capital Markets, Energy: Mining).
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2012) of *The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Finance & Securities, Mining).
- Recognized as a Lawyer of the Year in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Securities Law) and in the 2020 edition (Corporate Governance Practice).
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2015) of the *Lexpert Guide to US/Canada Cross-border Lawyers in Canada*.
- Recognized in the 2019 and 2018 editions of the *Lexpert/ROB Special Edition – Canada's Leading Corporate Lawyers*.
- Recognized in the 2017 edition (and since 2014) of *Chambers Latin America — Latin America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Latin America-wide, Projects: Mining — Leading Canadian Firms).

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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