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Joseph provides advice to clients, their accountants and other professionals on a wide range of tax issues. This includes:

- Canadian corporate and individual income tax
- payroll
- sales tax (GST, HST and QST) and other commodity taxes
- resource taxation (e.g., flow-through shares)
- trusts and estate planning
- international taxation

He also represents clients in tax audits and disputes.

Before joining BLG, Joseph worked as a chartered accountant and auditor.

Joseph provides legal services through a Law Corporation.

Experience

- Advised **The New York Times** on Canadian matters. Advised The New York Times on Canadian matters in connection with its US\$550 million acquisition of The Athletic.
- Advised **LA-based Marlin Equity Partners** and its portfolio company Skuid in connection with the acquisition of employee experience platform company InFlight.

- Advised **Revision Military Inc.** and its affiliates in the spin-off and sale of its global eyewear business to a U.S. company
- Advised U.S. company **QuintilesIMS** in its acquisition of STI Technologies Limited, an outsourced pharma services and tech provider, from private equity firm Imperial Capital Group
- Advised **Utopia Global, Inc.**, a major player in the data solutions industry, on its sale to Prometheus Group, a leading global provider of asset management operations and optimization software owned by Genstar
- Acted for **CiToxLAB Group Inc.** in its acquisition of AccelLAB Inc.
- Acted as Canadian counsel for PE-backed Atlanta-based buyer, **East West Manufacturing, LLC** in its acquisition of all the assets of Groupe Varitron, Inc., a top 5 electronic manufacturing services (EMS) provider in Canada.
- **Phoenix Wrappers ULC** and its shareholders in its sale to Pacteon, a global leader in end-of-line packaging automation.
- **Day & Zimmermann of Canada Corporation**, a provider of construction, engineering, maintenance, staffing, and defense solutions, on its strategic acquisition of EMC Power Canada Ltd., provides specialized construction management and multi-discipline trade services for transmission and generation power sector clients.
- **CI Financial Corp.** (TSX: CIX) in its acquisition of a minority interest in Assante Dorval, a provider of comprehensive, customized wealth planning services across the province of Quebec, from Assante Wealth Management (Canada) Ltd.
- **Cadence Design Systems**, a Silicon Valley-based electronic design automation (EDA) software company, on its acquisition of Newfoundland-based startup InspectAR Augmented Interfaces.

Insights & Events

- Paul Kvas V. The Queen, 2016 DTC 1169
- Dividend Designation From A Trust – Timing (T.I. 2016-0647621E5)
- Change is coming: Understanding your opportunity for income splitting
- Québec budget 2022-23: Cost of living credit and other measures
- Québec Budget Plan 2021-2022
- CRA releases improved guidelines for employee home office expense deductions
- CRA consults stakeholders on employee work-from-home expense deduction
- Help may be on the way: Deduction of home office expenses for employees required to work from home
- Québec Land Transfer Duties: Clarifying Exemptions to Partnerships
- The Billionaire’s Audit: Québec Taxpayer Awarded Damages for Negligent RPI Audit
- Can an Auditor Compel a Taxpayer to Create Documents?
- Taxpayer Challenges Procedural Technicality and Wins: Objecting to a Notice of Assessment
- Misrepresentation of Business Expenses Exposes Taxpayer to Reassessment Beyond Normal Reassessment Period
- Allowable deductions for businesses in the wind-up phase
- Taxpayer Relief – T1135
- Co-Author, “Aircraft repossession and enforcement of security in Canada”, Lexology, May, 2019
- Co-Author, “Insurance considerations for aircraft financing and leasing in Canada”, Lexology, May, 2019
- Fundamentals of Accounting,
- Ivan Cassell Limited (Appellant) V. Her Majesty The Queen (Respondent), 2016 DTC 1048
- Univar Holdco Canada ULC V. Her Majesty The Queen, 2016 TCC 159
- Agences de placement de personnel — Projet de Loi 28,
- Ghislain Poulin And Herman Turgeon V. Her Majesty The Queen, 2016 DTC 1129

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec
- Member, Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Member, Canadian Tax Foundation
- Member, Canadian Armenian Business Council
- Member, Association de planification fiscale et financière

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2004
- Graduate diploma in public accountancy, McGill University, 2002
- LLB, Université de Montréal, 2002

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