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Marc focuses his practice on the area of **financial services**, including banking law, **insolvency**, **restructuring**, real estate law and commercial litigation. More specifically, he advises debtor companies and parties interested in matters of restructuring and insolvency.

Marc represents financial institutions, creditors, receivers, monitors and trustees, and defends their interests before the courts in matters pertaining to:

- realization on security
- **bankruptcy**
- corporate restructuring
- asset recovery
- liability suits

He also represents owners, contractors and bonding companies with respect to issues pertaining to the construction industry.

Experience

- Acted for The Bank of Nova Scotia, first ranking secured creditor and interim lender, in the Groupe Atis inc. et al. CCAA proceedings.

- Acting for MNP in their capacity as Monitor appointed under the CCAA regarding the Insolvency filing of Boutique Tristan & Iseut Inc. a Canadian retail clothing chain operating 40 stores across Canada.
- Acting for BMO in their role as Agent for the lending syndicate of bankers regarding the CCAA and Chapter 15 insolvency filing of the Aldo Group (Retail).
- Aircraft lessors in the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA) proceedings commenced by Nationair.
- Aircraft lessors in the CCAA and subsequently instituted bankruptcy proceedings commenced by Canada 3000.
- Aircraft lessors, as well as Canadian and American aircraft part suppliers, in the CCAA proceedings commenced by Air Canada.
- The monitor in the CCAA proceedings commenced by PanGeo Pharma Inc., a publicly traded pharmaceutical company.
- The monitor in CCAA proceedings commenced by CinéGroupe Inc. and its subsidiaries, an animated film production company.
- The liquidator of the Norbourg and Évolution Mutual Funds.
- The monitor in the Canadian Asset-Backed Commercial Paper (ABCP) proceedings.
- A secured creditor in the cross-border restructuring of Quebecor World Inc.
- The ad hoc Committee of senior secured note holders and the trustee in the cross-border restructuring of AbitibiBowater
- Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Bear Island Paper Company, L.L.C., in the CCAA cross-border restructuring of White Birch Paper.
- The purchaser of Davie Yard Canada Inc., a shipyard undergoing restructuring.
- Represented various creditors and proposed purchasers in the restructuring of Aveos Fleet Performance Inc. et al.
- Represented certain bonding companies in the recovery of their losses.
- Represented lenders and financial institutions in numerous lenders' liability cases.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member of the Board of Directors, Insolvency Institute of Canada (IIC)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Turnaround Management Association
- Member, INSOL International

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2008) of *Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law). Also named “Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Lawyer of the Year – Montréal” in the 2018 and 2014 editions of *Best Lawyers in Canada*®
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2016) of *Chambers Canada – Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Restructuring/Insolvency (Nationwide - Canada))

- **Restructuring/Insolvency:** Sources note Montréal-based Marc Duchesne for his considerable presence in the commercial litigation and regulatory space in Québec. His clients include numerous banks and other financial institutions.
- Recognized in the 2020-2023 editions (and 2013-2018) of *Chambers Global – The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Restructuring/Insolvency)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2016) of *The Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Insolvency and Financial Restructuring)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Restructuring & Insolvency)
- Recognized in the 2020-2023 editions (and 2013-2018) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Insolvency and Financial Restructuring)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2020) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- Recognized in the 2022 edition (and since 2017) of *IFLR1000 – The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms* (Restructuring and Insolvency)
- Recognized in the 2017 and 2016 editions of the *Legal 500 Canada* (Restructuring and Insolvency)
- Recognized in the 2017 edition (and since 2013) of *Lexpert® Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada* (Insolvency and Financial Restructuring)
- Recognized as a leading litigator in the 2016 edition (and since 2013) of *Lexpert®/ Report on Business Litigation Special Edition*

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 1981
- LLB, University of Ottawa, 1980

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