

United Kingdom

Canada's regulatory regime is no exception in its complexity. It's key to have a trusted legal team with a proven history of helping U.K.-based clients and firms operate effectively and efficiently in Canada.

We have strong partnerships with U.K. law firms to ensure our Canadian clients have access to legal coverage across the United Kingdom.

With over 720 legal professionals in five cities across Canada, we give you access to comprehensive and multidisciplinary legal support in all 10 provinces and three territories.

We provide advice and counsel on Canadian law to thousands of U.K. businesses that are directly or indirectly active in Canada. This includes:

- mergers & acquisitions, including cross-border and financing transactions
- class actions
- cannabis
- cybersecurity
- labour & employment
- insurance claim defence
- intellectual property
- international trade & arbitration
- investment management
- regulatory
- banking
- electric utilities
- infrastructure & P3
- mining
- oil & gas
- privacy
- tax

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We act for clients across a broad range of sectors and institutions, including:

- banks

- asset managers
- insurers
- defence and security
- aerospace
- education
- manufacturers
- financial services
- several of Canada's largest pension funds
- life sciences
- transportation
- energy
- technology
- infrastructure
- consumer
- professional companies

We are the only private Canadian law firm to regularly appear as counsel before panels, arbitrators and the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization. We are uniquely positioned to provide comprehensive assistance to U.K. stakeholders on:

- the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)
- NAFTA/USMCA
- the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
- the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA)
- all other cross-border trade and investment matters

Experience

- Acted for a UK offshore vessel company in connection with its CAD\$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 UK equipment rental business for CAD\$171 million and in the US\$465 million purchase of a distribution and support business operating in South America, West Canada and the UK
- Acted for a Canadian mining company in a CAD\$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 CAD\$17.2 billion financing commitment regarding the amalgamation of an electronic data provider and a UK 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 UK international education and information business in a CAD\$950 million acquisition of a US-based educational and clinical testing and performance management services company
- Acted for a publicly-listed UK animal genetics company in the US\$35.6 million purchase of life sciences business in Québec

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