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Michelle is a Partner in BLG's Vancouver office and a member of our Securities & Capital Markets Group, with a focus on private and public investment fund formation and distribution, public and private equity financing, restructurings, and domestic and cross-border M&As.

She advises investment fund managers, portfolio managers and investment dealers in connection with registration matters as well as the establishment, operation, and administration of publicly offered and privately placed investment funds, in addition to private equity products.

Michelle has experience advising clients in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, public and private equity financings, mining joint ventures, derivatives documentation, shareholder activism, and general corporate governance and compliance matters. She serves a diverse clientele spanning various industries, including mining, biopharmaceutical, private equity, media, entertainment, and transportation.

Experience

- Advised on all issues related to the formation, organization and ongoing operations of retail mutual funds, hedge funds, pooled funds and other investment funds in Canada.
- Advised on the formation, organization and ongoing operation of mortgage investment corporations, mortgage investment funds, real estate investment funds and other similar entities, and on the registration and other securities regulatory and compliance issues applicable to those involved in the administration and distribution of such entities.

- Underwriter’s counsel on a US$747.6 million bought deal offering of common shares by Cameco Corporation.
- Counsel to Nanotech Security Corp. in its C$90.8 million acquisition by Meta Materials Inc. by way of a plan of arrangement.
- Acted for FC Capital Management LLC (Frontier Growth) in its growth equity investment in Jane Software Inc.
- Acted for Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc. in its US$200 million prospectus offering.
- Acted for Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc. in its US$191 million prospectus offering.
- Acted for Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc. in its US $173 million prospectus offering.
- Acted for Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc. in its US $52 million private placement offering.
- Anfield Nickel Corp. in its concurrent sale of the Coringa Project to Serabi plc and its merger transaction with Trek Mining Inc. and NewCastle Gold Corp. to form Equinox Gold Corp.
- Nanotech Security Corp. in its C$90.8 million acquisition by Meta Materials Inc. by way of a plan of arrangement.
- Acted for Carmanah Technologies Corporation in its acquisition by CMH Acquisition Corp. by a plan of arrangement.
- Cameco Corporation on the restructuring of its Inkai uranium joint venture in Kazakhstan with Kazatomprom JSC, a state-owned enterprise.
- Qwave Capital LLC, in connection with its $17 million unsolicited take-over bid of IOU Financial Inc.
- Acted for Sunniva Inc. in its initial public offering and listing on the Canadian Securities Exchange.
- Acted for Rainbow S.r.l. in its acquisition of Bardel Entertainment Inc.
- Acted for 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.
- 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.
- Boston Pizza Royalties Income Fund in its secondary offering of $16 million in units.
- Issuers and underwriters in various brokered and non-brokered private placements ranging from $2 million to $200 million.

Insights & Events

- Author, "CSA Proposals on Liquidity Risk Management", BLG Article, December 2025
- Co-author, "Canadian Business Conduct Rules for Derivatives Dealers," BLG Derivatives Bulletin, April 2017
- Author, "Cleared for Clearing — Canadian Rules Finalized on Mandatory Clearing of Derivatives", BLG Article, January 2017
- Author, "Margin and Collateral Requirements for Non-Centrally Cleared Derivatives – Consultation Paper", BLG Article, July 2016
- Co-author, "Is It Clear Yet? - Final Countdown to Clearing of Derivatives in Canada," BLG Derivatives Bulletin, March 2016
- Co-author, "Canadian Provinces Implement Derivatives Scope and Trade Reporting Rules," International Law Office, March 2016
- Co-Author, "Other Canadian Provinces Implement Derivatives Scope and Trade Reporting Rules," BLG Derivatives Bulletin, February 2016.
- Co-author, "PPSA - 2015 Update: Global Security Agreements," CLE BC, February 2016

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, BLG's United Way Campaign

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2026
- British Columbia, 2015

- BA, Vancouver Island University, 2008
- JD, University of Victoria, 2014

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