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Ben's practice encompasses all aspects of securities and corporate law, with a focus on public and private financings, investment fund formation and distribution, investment management, private equity and regulatory compliance.

He advises underwriters and public and private issuers, as well as investment fund managers, portfolio managers and investment dealers in connection with registration matters and the establishment, operation and administration of publicly offered and privately placed investment funds and private equity products. These include pooled funds, hedge funds, closed-end funds, mutual funds, other alternative investment vehicles and the placement of securities in Canada of foreign issuers.

He also advises Canadian and international private equity firms and private equity investors in connection with structuring, regulatory requirements and advising on the terms of offerings.

Ben also advises on domestic and cross-border M&A.

Experience

- PayBright Inc., one of Canada’s leading buy-now-pay-later providers, in connection with its $340 million acquisition by Affirm, Inc., a leading U.S.-based “buy now, pay later” platform.

- Mercer Global Investments Canada Limited, in connection with the sale of its Canadian private wealth business to Canaccord Genuity
- Management of Sprott Capital Partners, in connection with the purchase of Sprott Capital Partners from Sprott Inc.
- Canadian, U.S. and Foreign sponsors on the establishment of private equity and private credit funds
- Canadian institutional investors on private equity secondaries

Insights & Events

- Author, "Relief for venture issuers: CSA adopts semi-annual reporting pilot", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "Canadian private equity update: positive trends, liquidity options and key issues for GPs and LPs", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "CSA updates venture issuers and director elections", BLG Article, July 2025
- Author, "Unlocking value: The benefits and challenges of private equity secondaries in Canada", BLG Article, April 2025
- Author, "Howdy (limited) partner: Six key features of Ontario limited partnerships", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Private equity and venture capital sponsors: Are supply chain/modern slavery reporting requirements on your radar?", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "M&A trends for Canadian asset managers: BLG's observations and insights looking ahead to 2024", BLG Article, December 2023
- Author, "Regulators hit pause on substantial reforms to the short selling regime", BLG Article, November 2023
- Author, "Navigating against head winds in the life sciences capital markets", BLG Article, June 2023
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- Author, "Canadian securities regulators seek further input on short selling framework", BLG Article, February 2023
- Author, "OSC adopts self-certified investor prospectus exemption", BLG Article, November 2022
- Author, "Share buybacks during COVID-19: Considerations for public companies", BLG Article, April 2020

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Professional Involvement

- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Ontario

Community Involvement

- Director, Free Geek Toronto
- Volunteer adjudicator, Matthew House Refugee Hearing Program

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2013

- JD, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2012
- BA, (Honours), York University, 2009

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