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Maneesha Dakha practises business law with a focus on general corporate commercial matters, purchase and sale transactions, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters.

Maneesha regularly assists clients in the technology industry whether it is reviewing commercial agreements, drafting term sheets or advising on key deal terms for negotiations.

Maneesha has considerable experience guiding clients in heavily regulated industries through complex regulatory landscapes. In particular, Maneesha has extensive operational experience with gaming and liquor regulations, including licensing. While practising at a prominent business law firm, Maneesha was seconded as corporate counsel to Canada's largest publicly traded gaming, entertainment, and hospitality company, where she provided legal advice to the various business teams and acted as assistant corporate secretary.

Having gained insight into the daily operational and legal challenges facing companies, coupled with her business background, Maneesha is able to leverage her experience into practical targeted solutions for clients. Maneesha has worked with clients at all stages of the business life cycle, including a number of emerging and growth stage companies.

Maneesha has played a pivotal role in the development of DLA Piper Canada's pro bono business law clinic dedicated to providing Black and Indigenous businesses with corporate and commercial legal advice.

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Commercial Contracts

- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Technology

English Punjabi

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Punjabi

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- Acted for Questa Capital in its USD \$12.5 million Series B funding of ACTO Technologies Inc.
 - Acted Questa Capital in its USD \$16 million Series A funding of PocketHealth

- Acted for FinTech Collective, LLC in its investment into Canadian financial data services company, CapIntel Inc.
- Acted for Hydrofarm in its acquisition of Greenstar Plant Products
- Acted for Delic Holdings Inc. in its acquisition of Ketamine Infusion Centers LLC
- Acted for Academy Brewing in its acquisition of Moody Ales Ltd.
- Acted for CharliAI Inc. in Convertible Note financing and acquisition of TeamSync Bookmarks
- Acted for Delic Holdings Inc. in its acquisition of Complex Bio Discovery Ventures Ltd.
- Acted for Draganfly Inc. on acquisition of assets from Vital Intelligence Inc.
- Acted for Homespotter LLC in its sale to Lone Wolf Technologies
- Acted for TrendiTech Inc. in its initial seed funding
- Acted on the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of The Gourmet Ghetto Ltd. dba Nextjen Gluten Free in connection with VGAN Brands' going public transaction
- Acted for a Canadian gaming company in respect of its USD\$56 million sale of its US assets
- Acted for a Canadian gaming company in respect of its CAD\$134 million acquisition of gaming assets in Ontario Acted for a Canadian gaming company in respect of its CAD\$170 million acquisition of gaming assets in Ontario
- Acted for a large publicly traded Canadian cannabis company in its C\$3.2 billion acquisition of a competitor by way of a plan of arrangement Acted for a large publicly traded Canadian cannabis company in its C\$1.1 billion successful unsolicited takeover bid of a large competitor

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- British Columbia, 2017

Education

- J.D., Queen's University, 2016
- B.Comm (Hons.), Queen's University, 2013

Community Involvement

- Director of the Hoop-Law Society

INSIGHTS

Publications

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP launches Black and Indigenous Business Law Clinic

June 2022

DLA Piper has been accepting applications from qualifying Black or Indigenous-owned businesses in British Columbia to our newly formed pro bono Black and Indigenous Business Law Clinic.

Monetizing intellectual property rights for food startups

6 July 2021

Once you've familiarized yourself with the four traditional areas of intellectual property rights and how to protect them, you'll want to turn

your mind to monetizing your intellectual property. When creating a monetization strategy consider what is likely to be the most valuable aspect of your intellectual property. Is it your brand recognition, customer loyalty, patented process, recipes, or something else? Part 2 of Recipe for Success sets out various ways intellectual property rights can be monetized in the food industry.

Intellectual property rights in food startups

22 June 2021

From alternative meats and proteins to diet specific snacks, startups focussing on consumer packaged goods in the food industry have been making their mark in recent years and taking on long standing industrial food conglomerates. While the barrier to entry creating products in the food industry is generally low, the recipe for success is more complicated.

Board meetings 101: Tips and tricks to make the most of your meetings

13 October 2020

When it comes to training directors, a lot of emphasis is (rightly) put on fiduciary duties and risk assessment. However, boards would also benefit from training on how to maximize decision-making efficiency and better use their meeting time. While some companies have the luxury of sending their directors to comprehensive Institute of Corporate Directors training courses, this may not be financially possible for all companies. This article will set out a few basic board meeting tips and tricks to help you run better meetings and get more out of your board.

BC Government announces new sales programs for the cannabis industry in 2021 and 2022

22 September 2020

On September 20, 2020, the Government of British Columbia announced three new sales programs to benefit the B.C. cannabis industry. The programs are aimed at providing small-scale producers, rural communities, and Indigenous businesses with greater access to non-medical cannabis retailers and consumers.

NEWS

DLA Piper Canada advises startups across key sectors in their continued growth

24 January 2022

DLA Piper Canada's Startups, Emerging Companies and Technology group has advised a number of up-and-coming companies on transactions intended to assist with their continued growth.

DLA Piper advised Tier1 Financial Solutions on investment from Wavecrest and MassMutual Ventures

10 January 2022

On January 4, 2022, Tier1 Financial Solutions announced it had closed its Series B financing from a group of investors led by Wavecrest Growth Partners and MassMutual Ventures. DLA Piper acted as legal advisor to Tier1 on this transaction.

DLA Piper Canada advising emerging growth companies across multiple sectors in continued business expansion

3 August 2021

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DLA Piper (Canada) LLP launches Black and Indigenous Business Law Clinic

28 AUG 2020

DLA Piper Canada is pleased to announce the launch of a pro bono business law clinic dedicated to providing Black and Indigenous businesses with corporate and commercial legal advice.

PRO BONO

Maneesha is a member of the Canadian firm's Black and Indigenous Business Law Clinic (the "Clinic"), which provides qualifying Black and Indigenous founders with practical and timely corporate and commercial legal advice. In 2022, the Clinic was one of four recipients to receive the **Justice Seymour Simon Award** recognizing outstanding pro bono work done by a team of lawyers and staff at the firm.