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Chris Pejovic maintains a general corporate commercial practice with a focus on securities and corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, financial services and private equity and venture capital matters.

Chris has experience advising clients based in Canada and abroad in all aspects of corporate and securities law, including public and private mergers and acquisitions, cross-border transactions, public offerings and private placement financings. Chris has also assisted clients representing a broad spectrum of emerging industries with seed and early stage venture capital financings.

Chris acquired his J.D. from the University of Western Ontario, where he obtained an Area of Concentration in Intellectual Property, Information and Technology. During law school, Chris interned in the Legal Affairs branch of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in Geneva.

Chris also served as President of the International Law Association, and on the Executive Committee of the University of Western Ontario's Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights (CLAIHR) branch.

- Corporate
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Intellectual Property and Technology

English Spanish

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Spanish

- Represented Aphria Inc. (TSX: APHA and NASDAQ: APHA) in its reverse takeover of Tilray, Inc. (NASDAQ: TLRY).
- Acting for Trulieve Cannabis Corp. (CSE: TRUL) (OTC: TCNNF) in its proposed US\$2.1 billion acquisition of Harvest Health & Recreation Inc. (CSE: HARV, OTCQX: HRVSF).
- Represented a syndicate of agents, led by Canaccord Genuity Corp., in connection with the US\$17 million initial public offering of common shares and units of HempFusion Wellness Inc. (TSX: CBD.U).
- Acted for the agents in connection with a private placement offering of common shares of Zinc8 Energy Solutions Inc. (CSE:ZAIR) for

total gross proceeds to the Company of \$15.5 million.

- Acted for a major investor in \$44 million Series B funding of AI chatbot provider Ada Support.
- Acted for the underwriters in connection with a public offering of units of mCloud Technologies Corp. (TSX-V: MCLD) for gross proceeds of \$11.5 million.
- Represented Acreage Holdings, Inc. (CSE: ACRG.U) in its USD\$3.4 billion arrangement with Canopy Growth.
- Represented High Street Capital Partners, LLC in connection with its USD\$314.2 million subscription receipt financing, reverse take-over of Applied Inventions Management Corp. and the listing of the resulting issuer, Acreage Holdings, Inc. (CSE: ACRG.U), on the Canadian Securities Exchange.
- Advised ASX listed medicinal cannabis company, Althea Group Holdings Ltd (ASX: AGH), on its acquisition of Canadian extraction and contract manufacturing company Peak Processing Solutions, together with Althea's associated AUD30 million capital raising.
- Acted for Santander bank in its investment in Trulioo Information Services Inc.
- Acted for the sellers of Digital Chaos, Inc. (DC), an esports company based in Georgia, USA, in the sale of their shares in DC in exchange for an interest in the acquiror, an Ontario company.
- Acted for Canaccord Genuity Corp. in connection with a short form prospectus offering of debenture units of Chemistree Technology Inc. (CSE: CHM) for gross proceeds of \$9.43 million.
- Acted for Canaccord Genuity Corp. in connection with a best efforts private placement of units of HempFusion, Inc. for gross proceeds of US \$36 million.
- Acted for CENTR Brands Corp. (CSE: CNTR) in connection with a reverse take-over transaction and CSE listing.
- Acted for a global technology company in the sale of its Chinese division.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Ontario, 2018

Recognitions

- Area of Concentration in Intellectual Property, Information and Technology, University of Western Ontario, 2017
- Global Engagement Honour, University of Western Ontario, 2017

Education

- J.D., University of Western Ontario, 2017
- B.Sc (Hons.), Biotechnology, University of Toronto, 2014

Memberships

- Member, Croatian-Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Law Society of Ontario
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, International Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Alumni Mentor, Innis College Alumni Mentorship Program, University of Toronto

INSIGHTS

Publications

CVCA model documents: Use freely and with caution

22 March 2021

For early stage companies and small businesses, one of the key factors to successful growth is securing adequate, appropriate funding. Particularly for those with immediate and long-term growth potential, venture capital is a very common form of private early stage financing. The term “venture capital” will be one which is familiar to most entrepreneurs, however the structure that such an early stage investment may take is not always as easily known.

Private placements

15 December 2020

One common way in which companies expand and develop is by raising capital through the issuance of equity or debt securities. In Canada, absent an exemption, a distribution of securities cannot be made without preparing and qualifying a prospectus with the relevant securities regulators which describes the company and its business in a fairly significant degree of detail. The distribution of securities on an exempt basis is generally referred to as a private placement. This bulletin discusses some of the key features of private placements and summarizes some of the most commonly used prospectus exemptions.

NEWS

DLA Piper advised Webjet on acquisition of Trip Ninja

26 November 2021

On November 24, 2021, Webjet Limited (ASX: WEB) announced their agreement to acquire Canadian travel technology company Trip Ninja Inc.

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

3 August 2021

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 Canada represented investor Mouro Capital in \$476 million Series D funding round for Trulioo

8 June 2021

On June 7, 2021, Canadian-based global identity verification specialist Trulioo Information Services Inc. announced it had secured CDN\$476 million in a TCV-led Series D funding round.

DLA Piper Canada part of global team advising Centroid Investment Partners in its agreement to acquire TaylorMade Golf Company

17 May 2021

DLA Piper represented Seoul-based private equity firm Centroid Investment Partners in its agreement to acquire TaylorMade Golf Company, Inc. from KPS Capital Partners, LP. DLA Piper Canada was pleased to be part of the cross-border team.

DLA Piper Canada acting for Trulieve in US\$2.1 billion acquisition of Harvest Health & Recreation

11 May 2021

On May 10, 2021 Trulieve Cannabis Corp. and Harvest Health & Recreation Inc. announced they have entered into a definitive arrangement agreement pursuant to which Trulieve will acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Harvest in an all-stock transaction valued at approximately \$2.1 billion.

DLA Piper represented Aphria in its US\$8.2 billion business combination with Tilray

11 May 2021

DLA Piper represented Aphria Inc. in its recently completed reverse takeover of Tilray, Inc. The combination of Aphria and Tilray brings together two highly complementary businesses to create the leading cannabis-focused CPG company with the largest global geographic footprint in the industry.

DLA Piper Canada's Capital Markets group has fast-paced start to 2021

3 March 2021

Assisting on close to \$1 billion in deals in key growth sectors since the beginning of the year, our Capital Markets team has had a fast-paced start to 2021.

DLA Piper Canada advised Revive Therapeutics on \$23 million short form prospectus offering

17 February 2021

On February 12, 2021, Revive Therapeutics Ltd., a specialty life sciences company, announced that it had closed a bought deal prospectus offering for \$23 million. DLA Piper Canada acted for Revive in this transaction.

DLA Piper represented Acreage Holdings in implementation of amended arrangement with Canopy Growth

6 October 2020

On September 23, 2020, Canopy Growth Corporation and Acreage Holdings, Inc. announced the implementation of Acreage's previously-announced amended arrangement under section 288 of the *Business Corporations Act*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP featured in Lexpert's "Top 10 Deals of 2019"

26 FEB 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have acted on two of the transactions included in Lexpert magazine's "Top 10 Deals of 2019."
