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Matthew practises in the area of general corporate/commercial law, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, securities and corporate finance, banking and finance and corporate governance.

Matthew advises clients, from a variety of industries, on asset and share purchase and sale transactions, and equity and debt financings. He works with domestic and international companies in relation to partnerships, joint ventures, reorganizations, and corporate governance matters. Matthew also acts for lenders and borrowers in relation to secured loans, syndicated loans, and acquisition financings. He has acted for issuers and underwriters in connection with public offerings and private placements of securities.

Prior to joining the firm, Matthew worked for several years in one of the largest full-service law firms in Tokyo, Japan, where he assisted Japanese lawyers on cross-border matters and drafting international contracts.

- Corporate
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Capital Markets

English Japanese

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Japanese

- Acted for a U.S. company in relation to its initial public offering in Canada which included a corporate reorganization, prospectus offering of common shares and a concurrent private placement
- Acted for a Canadian listed company with operations across the country, in various transactions involving purchases and debt financings of commercial real estate
- Acted for an Alberta-based, publicly-traded oil & gas company in respect of an amendment and restatement of a credit facility with a chartered bank
- Acted for a private Alberta company in respect of an asset purchase and concurrent equity and debt financings
- Acted for a publicly-traded technology company in relation to various securities and corporate governance matters, as well as commercial agreements including international distribution agreements

- Acted for an Alberta-based agriculture company in respect of a refinancing
- Advised a publicly-traded oil & gas company in relation to a private placement of senior unsecured notes
- Acted for domestic and international financial institutions in their capacities as lenders and administrative agents in various syndicated loans
- Represented an investment banking firm in its capacity as agent in respect of a public offering of shares of a TSX-V-listed company, by way of a prospectus supplement to a base shelf prospectus
- Acted for Rio Alto Mining Limited in its \$1.35 billion sale to Tahoe Resources Inc., resulting in the creation of a new intermediate precious metals producer
- Acted for Predator Midstream Ltd. in its \$107 million acquisition by Secure Energy Services Inc.
- Represented TSX-V-listed issuers in respect of private placements, strategic investments, continuous disclosure and other securities law matters
- Acted for Rio Alto Mining Limited in the acquisition of Sulliden Gold Corporation Ltd.
- Acted for a private mutual fund trust in relation to a private placement financing by way of an offering memorandum
- Represented various public and private companies, both domestic and international, in respect of purchase and sale transactions of oil & gas assets in Alberta
- Acted for a capital pool company in respect of a business combination which constituted the company's qualifying transaction pursuant to the rules of the TSX-V

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Alberta, 2012

Education

- LL.M. (Transnational Law), Temple University - Tokyo Campus, 2010
- LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1995
- B.A. (Hons.), University of Saskatchewan, 1991

Memberships

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Calgary Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Alberta

INSIGHTS

Publications

Canadian Securities Administrators seek comment on proposed National Instrument 51-107 - *Disclosure of Climate-related Matters*

21 October 2021

On October 18, the Canadian Securities Administrators proposed National Instrument 51-107 *Disclosure of Climate-related Matters* and its companion policy that would introduce new climate-related disclosure obligations for reporting issuers in Canada.

Due diligence: the buyer's perspective

15 December 2020

When preparing to purchase a business, a buyer should conduct a thorough investigation of the target to confirm it is a sound investment and to understand the risks involved in the investment. To this end, as part of due diligence, a buyer will seek to confirm the assets and liabilities of the target, to gain information about the operations of the target business, and to identify any risks, barriers or hurdles to the proposed purchase.

Major Canadian pension funds call for standardized ESG disclosures in Canadian businesses

27 November 2020

Major Canadian pension funds ask companies to adopt and improve their environmental, social, and governance (“**ESG**”) reporting by disclosing industry relevant ESG factors through the adoption of Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (“**SASB**”) reporting and the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (“**TCFD**”).

Partnerships: what, how and when

16 November 2020

The term “partnership” is often used loosely in everyday language in situations where, from a legal perspective, there is no partnership. For example, a business relationship involving a collaboration between two persons may be commonly described as a partnership, when in fact it is a vendor-customer or joint venture relationship. In order to avoid unintended consequences by entering into a partnership, or improperly describing a business relationship as a partnership, it is important to understand what partnerships are, how they work and when you can use them.

Partnership agreements: A primer

14 October 2020

So you and your partners want to run a business together, and have decided to enter into a partnership - what next? The first step is the preparation of a partnership agreement.

NEWS

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted for DIF Capital Partners in 900 MW Canadian power project investment

31 AUG 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP acted on behalf of DIF Capital Partners in connection with its investment in the 900-megawatt Cascade Power Project. DIF will invest in the construction of Cascade together with joint equity sponsors OPTrust and Axiom Infrastructure.

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.”

Onex Corporation completes acquisition of WestJet Airlines Ltd.

19 DEC 2019

Onex Corporation and WestJet Airlines Ltd. announced on December 11, 2019 that they have completed their previously announced purchase agreement valued at approximately \$5 billion including assumed debt. DLA Piper Canada acted as counsel for Onex Corporation on various aspects of what is the largest private equity purchase of an airline in aviation history, including with respect to aviation law, financing matters and corporate law matters.
