



Proxy Disputes

DLA Piper's Proxy group is an experienced team of lawyers well-equipped to provide strategic advice on proxy solicitations, boardroom battles, contested shareholder meetings, hostile takeover bids and related court and regulatory proceedings.

We regularly work with publicly listed and privately held corporations. Our experience includes:

- requisitioning shareholder meetings on behalf of dissidents and defending management against hostile requisition campaigns
- providing legal and tactical advice on the conduct of hostile proxy solicitation campaigns and takeover bids
- advising on corporate governance regulatory requirements and best practices
- advising on settlement negotiations and documenting settlement agreements
- representing clients at contested shareholder meetings
- acting as independent chair, or as counsel to the independent chair of contested meetings
- auditing proxies to ensure accurate voting results and compliance with the Securities Transfer Association of Canada protocols
- vigorously advocating on behalf of clients in court and regulatory proceedings in the course of hostile proxy and takeover campaigns

INSIGHTS

Publications

Shareholders have "fundamental right" to call meetings, Ontario appeal court rules

26 MAY 2017

One of the more powerful tools available to shareholders of Canadian companies is the power to requisition a meeting.

CSA proposes dramatic changes to take-over bid rules in Canada: A good day for target companies

16 Sep 2014

A significant proposal regarding the take-over bid regime in Canada was released on September 11, 2014 by the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA).
