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With an international background and hands-on business experience, Aaron provides practical and strategic advice to domestic and international investors and businesses. Aaron is a natural problem solver who uses a personal approach to gain a comprehensive understanding of his clients' needs. He has a keen eye for strategy and works with his clients to structure their transactions accordingly. This work includes advising high net worth clients on building family offices and successfully protecting and transitioning wealth to future generations. When possible, Aaron leverages his network to help clients with their local and international legal and business needs, including connecting clients to investors and advisors across the globe.

Aaron is a member of the firm's Capital Markets Group and Venture Finance Group. He practices corporate law with an emphasis on debt and equity financing and domestic and international M&A. On financing matters, Aaron works closely with investors, often U.S. and Canadian banks or investment funds on their lending transactions in Canada. Aaron also assists emerging and high growth companies as they use debt to grow their businesses. On M&A transactions, Aaron serves a broad range of the firm's clients, including, strategic/financial buyers, family offices and retiring or otherwise divesting sellers. Aaron's range of client experience allows him to see issues from all sides of a deal and provide effective solutions to meet client needs.

Aaron was recently named as one of Canada's Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in 2020 by Canadian Lawyer magazine in the Young Influencer category. He was also recognized as a 2020 Precedent Setter by *Precedent Magazine*, which recognizes six outstanding young Toronto lawyers who have shown excellence and leadership in their practice and their community.

Aaron is Chair of the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. He is responsible for developing and implementing firm strategies around equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives. Aaron works closely with the firm's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer and acts as a resource and advocate for lawyers and staff in respect of equity, diversity and inclusion issues.

Expertise

- > Mergers & Acquisitions
- > Capital Markets
- > Infrastructure

Industries

- > Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies & ICOs
- > Fintech

Awards & Recognition

- > Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada* for his expertise in Mergers & Acquisitions Law and Securities Law (2024)
- > Named 2024 NAPABA Best Under 40 Award Winner (2024)
- > Recognized in *The Peak: Emerging Leaders* for his expertise in Capital Markets (2023)
- > Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Canada* for his expertise in FinTech (2022)
- > Named a Rising Star by the South Asian Bar Association of North America (2021)
- > Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada Man of the Year (2021)
- > Precedent Setter Award Winner (2020)
- > *Canadian Lawyer's* Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers - Young Influencer (2020)

Professional Involvement**Professional Activities**

- > Member, Private Equity Committee, Canadian Venture Capital & Private Equity Association
- > Board Member and Chair of the Advancement Committee, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada
- > Advisor and Expert in Residence, the Hult Prize
- > Former President and Treasurer, The St. George's Society of Toronto
- > Former President and Board Member, South Asian Bar Association of Toronto
- > Board of Directors Member, Interlaw
- > Global Chair, Interlaw NexGen Special Business Team
- > Former Regional Advisor, World Sikh Organization
- > Member, *JusticeNet's* Advisory Board
- > Member, Interim Law Advisory Council for the Toronto Metropolitan University law school
- > Past President, Vice President and Board Member, Canadian International Council – Toronto Branch
- > Executive Committee Member, Breakfast of Champions Charity for SickKids Hospital

Memberships

- > Canadian/Ontario Bar Association
- > American Bar Association
- > International Bar Association
- > South Asian Bar Association of Toronto
- > Canadian International Council

Education

- > LLM International and European Business Law, Université Jean Moulin, 2014
- > JD, Queen's University Faculty of Law, 2014
- > International Business Law Certificate, Bader International Study Centre, U.K., 2012
- > BA (Political Science), University of British Columbia, 2011
- > International Relations Certificate (Hons.), Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris, 2010