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With extensive experience in a broad range of corporate finance and commercial matters, Jeffrey offers clients a practical and business-minded approach to solving legal and regulatory challenges. He is skilled at isolating what is truly important in a complex business transaction and in identifying solutions. Jeffrey takes great care in tailoring his service to each client and providing strategic and insightful judgment to effectively further their business objectives.

Jeffrey is Co-Chair of the Mergers & Acquisitions and Life Sciences Groups. He is also a member of the firm's Capital Markets, Corporate/Commercial and International Transactions Groups, as well as the Cannabis and Mines & Minerals Groups. He practises corporate law with an emphasis on public and private financings, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and ongoing general corporate and commercial activities. Jeffrey's experience includes numerous cross-border securities offerings (public and private); acting for U.S. buyers of Canadian entities or assets; acting for U.S. financiers of acquisitions in Canada; acting for Canadian sellers to U.S. buyers; and acting as Canadian counsel in connection with large, internationally led transactions. He frequently advises mining, private equity, industrial, cannabis and psychedelics clients.

Jeffrey is recognized by *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a leading lawyer in the area of Corporate Mid-Market and is included in the *Lexpert Special Edition - Finance and M&A* and *Lexpert Special Edition - Technology and Health Sciences*. He is also recognized as a leading lawyer in Corporate Law and Cannabis Law by *The Best Lawyers in Canada*. Jeffrey is recommended in *The Legal 500 Canada* for his expertise in the practice area of Corporate and M&A. Jeffrey has recently been featured in the media with respect to the legal, regulatory and investment context for psychedelics in Canada.

Earlier in his career, Jeffrey completed a six-month secondment with the Corporate Finance Branch of the Ontario Securities Commission where he was responsible for reviewing and clearing prospectuses and considering applications for relief from the requirements of the *Securities Act* (Ontario).

Expertise

- > Capital Markets
- > Corporate/Commercial
- > Mergers & Acquisitions
- > International Transactions

Industries

- > Cannabis
- > Life Sciences
- > Mines & Minerals

Awards & Recognition

- > Recognized in *Chambers Canada* as a top practitioner in Corporate/Commercial
- > Recognized in *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a leading lawyer in the areas of Corporate Mid-Market and Corporate Finance & Securities
- > Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in Canada* in Corporate Law and Cannabis Law
- > Recognized in the *Global Top 200 Psychedelics Lawyers Directory 2022 – 2025*
- > Recommended in *The Legal 500 Canada* for his expertise in the practice area of Corporate and M&A
- > Included in *Lexpert's* 2025 Special Editions on Finance, M&A, Health Sciences and Mining

Professional Involvement**Professional Activities**

- > Advisory Board Member of the International Bar Association's Professional Ethics Committee (2022-2023)
- > Past Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Professional Ethics Committee (2020-2021)

Memberships

- > International Bar Association

Community Involvement

- > President's Council, St. Michael's Hospital Foundation (2015-2019)

Education

- > Canadian Securities Course (Hons.), 2006
- > LLB, Queen's University, 2003
- > BA (Hons.), Wilfrid Laurier University, 2000