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Joseph provides advice to clients, their accountants and other professionals on a wide range of tax issues. This includes:

- Canadian corporate and individual income tax
- payroll
- sales tax (GST, HST and QST) and other commodity taxes
- resource taxation (e.g., flow-through shares)
- trusts and estate planning
- international taxation

He also represents clients in tax audits and disputes.

Before joining BLG, Joseph worked as a chartered accountant and auditor.

Joseph provides legal services through a Law Corporation.

Experience

- Advised **The New York Times** on Canadian matters. Advised The New York Times on Canadian matters in connection with its US\$550 million acquisition of The Athletic.
- Advised **LA-based Marlin Equity Partners** and its portfolio company Skuid in connection with the acquisition of employee experience platform company InFlight.

- Advised **Revision Military Inc.** and its affiliates in the spin-off and sale of its global eyewear business to a U.S. company
- Advised U.S. company **QuintilesIMS** in its acquisition of STI Technologies Limited, an outsourced pharma services and tech provider, from private equity firm Imperial Capital Group
- Advised **Utopia Global, Inc.**, a major player in the data solutions industry, on its sale to Prometheus Group, a leading global provider of asset management operations and optimization software owned by Genstar
- Acted for **CiToxLAB Group Inc.** in its acquisition of AccelLAB Inc.
- Acted as Canadian counsel for PE-backed Atlanta-based buyer, **East West Manufacturing, LLC** in its acquisition of all the assets of Groupe Varitron, Inc., a top 5 electronic manufacturing services (EMS) provider in Canada.
- **Phoenix Wrappers ULC** and its shareholders in its sale to Pacteon, a global leader in end-of-line packaging automation.
- **Day & Zimmermann of Canada Corporation**, a provider of construction, engineering, maintenance, staffing, and defense solutions, on its strategic acquisition of EMC Power Canada Ltd., provides specialized construction management and multi-discipline trade services for transmission and generation power sector clients.
- **CI Financial Corp.** (TSX: CIX) in its acquisition of a minority interest in Assante Dorval, a provider of comprehensive, customized wealth planning services across the province of Quebec, from Assante Wealth Management (Canada) Ltd.
- **Cadence Design Systems**, a Silicon Valley-based electronic design automation (EDA) software company, on its acquisition of Newfoundland-based startup InspectAR Augmented Interfaces.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Paul Kvas V. The Queen, 2016 DTC 1169", BLG Article, October 2016
- Author, "Dividend Designation From A Trust – Timing (T.I. 2016-0647621E5)", BLG Article, October 2016
- Author, "2023–2024 Québec Budget: Lower tax rates and other fiscal measures of interest", BLG Article, March 2023
- Author, "Change is coming: Understanding your opportunity for income splitting", BLG Article, May 2022
- Author, "Québec budget 2022-23: Cost of living credit and other measures", BLG Article, April 2022
- Author, "Québec Budget Plan 2021-2022", BLG Article, April 2021
- Author, "CRA releases improved guidelines for employee home office expense deductions", BLG Article, December 2020
- Author, "CRA consults stakeholders on employee work-from-home expense deduction", BLG Article, September 2020
- Author, "Help may be on the way: Deduction of home office expenses for employees required to work from home", BLG Article, May 2020
- Author, "Québec Land Transfer Duties: Clarifying Exemptions to Partnerships", BLG Article, February 2020
- Author, "The Billionaire's Audit: Québec Taxpayer Awarded Damages for Negligent RPI Audit", BLG Article, November 2019
- Author, "Can an Auditor Compel a Taxpayer to Create Documents?", BLG Article, November 2019
- Author, "Taxpayer Challenges Procedural Technicality and Wins: Objecting to a Notice of Assessment", BLG Article, November 2019
- Author, "Misrepresentation of Business Expenses Exposes Taxpayer to Reassessment Beyond Normal Reassessment Period", BLG Article, October 2019

- Author, "Allowable deductions for businesses in the wind-up phase", BLG Article, September 2019
- Author, "Taxpayer Relief – T1135", BLG Article, September 2019
- Co-Author, "Aircraft repossession and enforcement of security in Canada", Lexology, May, 2019
- Co-Author, "Insurance considerations for aircraft financing and leasing in Canada", Lexology, May, 2019
- Fundamentals of Accounting,
- Author, "Ivan Cassell Limited (Appellant) V. Her Majesty The Queen (Respondent), 2016 DTC 1048", BLG Article, October 2016
- Author, "Univar Holdco Canada ULC V. Her Majesty The Queen, 2016 TCC 159", BLG Article, September 2016
- Agences de placement de personnel — Projet de Loi 28,
- Author, "Ghislain Poulin And Herman Turgeon V. Her Majesty The Queen, 2016 DTC 1129", BLG Article, January 2016

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec
- Member, Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Member, Canadian Tax Foundation
- Member, Canadian Armenian Business Council
- Member, Association de planification fiscale et financière

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Trusts & Estates).

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2004
- Graduate diploma in public accountancy, McGill University, 2002
- LLB, Université de Montréal, 2002

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