

United Kingdom

SUMMARY

BLG's UK practice focuses on assisting UK companies to operate effectively and navigate the legal and regulatory regime in Canada. Our clients include insurers, manufacturers, financial institutions, life sciences, energy, technology, infrastructure and consumer and professional companies. We have a long history of effectively working with UK firms to help them assist their clients in Canada. Our strong relationships with UK law firms allow us to ensure seamless service for our Canadian clients with legal challenges abroad. We have developed a reputation for being great lawyers in providing unmatched client service to law firms and clients alike.

We are the largest fully independent law firm in Canada and considered by many to be the preferred choice of UK companies and law firms with clients doing business in Canada. Drawing on the expertise of our professionals in five preeminent offices in Canada, BLG is well-equipped to provide practical and efficient advice on clients' legal issues.

Our professionals have significant experience dealing with the multijurisdictional legal issues that arise in cross-border M&A and financing transactions. Additionally, BLG has the largest Investment Management practice of its kind in Canada, and represents several of Canada's largest pension funds. BLG is the only private Canadian law firm that regularly appears as counsel before panels, arbitrators, and the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization. We are uniquely positioned to provide comprehensive assistance to UK stakeholders on forthcoming trade agreements, including the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA), and all other cross-border trade and investment matters.

BLG focuses on helping UK clients and law firms in the following areas: Class Actions, Cybersecurity, Insurance and Tort Liability, Intellectual Property, International Arbitration, International Trade, Mergers & Acquisitions, Investment Management, Regulatory, Banking, Electric Utilities, Infrastructure, Mining and Oil & Gas.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- [The European Union General Data Protection Regulation – A Primer for Canadian Organizations](#)
- [Important Changes to Password Best Practices Guidance](#)
- [UK seeks to Legislate Liability for Autonomous Vehicles](#)
- [Implications of the Brexit vote for the CETA](#)
- [Brexit: What does it mean for Canada?](#)
- ["Doing Business in Canada 2017"](#), December 2016

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Acted for a UK offshore vessel company in connection with its CAD\$3 million acquisition of one of Canada's largest ship building companies
- Represented the vendor Balfour Beatty PLC in the US\$1.3 billion sale of its professional services division – Parsons Brickerhoff Group Inc. — to WSP Global Inc.

- Acted in the sale of a UK equipment rental business for CAD\$171 million and in the US\$465 million purchase of a distribution and support business operating in South America, West Canada and the UK
- Acted for a Canadian mining company in a CAD\$11.5 million private acquisition of a shareholding interest in a mining company listed on the London AIM market, with gold mining property in Zimbabwe
- Represented a global investment bank as their Canadian counsel in connection with a CAD\$17.2 billion financing commitment regarding the amalgamation of an electronic data provider and a UK international news agency
- BLG represented a major Canadian bank which lead a syndicate of underwriters in a short form prospectus offering worth US\$38.35 million for an international gold developer
- Represented a UK international education and information business in a CAD\$950 million acquisition of a US-based educational and clinical testing and performance management services company
- Acted for a publicly-listed UK animal genetics company in the US\$35.6 million purchase of life sciences business in Québec

RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers Canada — Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business* recommended 38 practice areas and recognized 78 BLG lawyers in its 2016 edition.
- For nine years in a row, BLG has the most lawyers selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in Canada*®
- *The Legal 500 Canada* recognized 60 BLG lawyers in 2016.
- The 2016 edition of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* recognizes 53 BLG lawyers as litigation stars and 13 as future stars.
- BLG is recognized as a leading Canadian tax law firm in the 2016 edition of *World Tax*.
- BLG was named *Canada Law Firm of the Year* for the third year in a row at the 2016 *GlobalCapital Americas Derivatives Awards*.
- BLG was named *Best Canadian Law Firm* at the 2014 and 2015 Canadian Hedge Fund Awards.
- BLG is ranked #1 by *Acritas* in 2016 for "Bet the Company" Litigation, based on a survey of General Counsel across Canada.
- BLG received the highest ranking (gold) in the 2015 edition of *World Trademark Review 1000*

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