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Education / Bar Admissions

BCL/LLB, McGill University, 1988

BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration), Ryerson University, 1984

In-Depth Tax Course, Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, 1989-92

Québec, 1989

Professional Involvement

Member of the Management Committee of the Institute of Corporate Directors (Quebec Chapter)

Community Involvement

Member, Board of Directors and President, Montreal General Hospital Corporation

Past Chair, Board of Directors, Heritage Georgeville Inc.

Past President, Canadian Club of Montréal

Former Member, Board of Directors and Treasurer, Montreal Indoor Tennis Club

Former Member, Board of Directors, Hermitage Club (Magog, Québec)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

John Godber is BLG's Client Innovation Partner, a member of its Partnership Board and previously BLG's National Leader of the Business and Corporate Commercial Group. John specializes in corporate law with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, including advising and participating in public and private company mergers and acquisitions; advising and participating in large scale infrastructure projects; advising and participating in corporate finance transactions such as private placements and public financings; and advising and participating in corporate reorganizations and international joint ventures. John is the client relationship partner for BLG Adroit, which is the Firm's project management and legal process improvement program.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Acting for NouvLR in connection with the procurement and construction of Montreal's Light Rail Train Project (Réseau Express Métropolitain).
- Acting for Signature on the Saint-Laurent in connection with the procurement and construction of the New Champlain Bridge (Montréal).
- Advised SNC-Lavalin Inc. in connection with the sale of its facilities management business to Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions.
- Advised The Co-operators Group Limited in connection with its \$306.5-million public acquisition of Addenda Capital Inc.
- Acted for the Independent Committee of Trustees of Medisys Health Income Fund in connection with the fund's going-private transaction.
- Advised lead underwriters, BMO Nesbitt Burns and CIBC World Markets, in the \$115-million initial public offering of securities of Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.
- Advised the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in connection with its purchase of rights in an undersea fibre-optic network between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.
- Acted for Miranda Technologies Inc., a global developer and manufacturer of hardware and software for the television broadcast industry, on its \$156-million

Former Member, Board of Directors,
Weredale Foundation

Former Member, Board of Governors,
Lower Canada College

Former President, Lower Canada
College, Alumni Association

Former Member, Board of Directors,
Constance Lethbridge Rehabilitation
Centre

Former Member, Board of Directors
and Vice-President, McGill Society of
Montréal

Former Member, Faculty Advisory
Board, McGill University Faculty of
Law

initial public offering and secondary offering of securities.

- Advised MAAX Inc. in connection with its \$640-million successful public auction and sale process.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Fuelling Efficiency: Bringing Lean Six Sigma into Legal Services," Canadian Corporate Counsel Association, Annual Spring Conference, April 2014.
- Speaker, "Lean Six Sigma: Practice Optimization and Innovation in Legal Project Management and Process Improvement," Quebec Bar Association's Annual Conference, May 2013.
- Speaker, "Process Improvement: Bringing Lean Six Sigma Disciplines into Legal Services," Canadian Corporate Counsel Association, Annual Spring Conference, April 2013.
- Speaker, "La gestion de projet : mode de facturation alternatif," Congrès du Barreau du Québec, June 2012.
- Panel Chair, "Demonstrating In-House Counsel Business Value in the International Context," Canadian Corporate Counsel Association World Summit, April 2012.
- Co-Chair and Speaker, "The Negotiation and Drafting of Commercial Agreements," *Insight Information* Eighth Edition, January 2011.
- Co-Chair and Speaker, "Legal and Business Guide on International and Crossborder Contracts," The Canadian Institute Conference, April 2010.

RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized in the 2018 edition of the *Lexpert® Guide to US/Canada Cross-border Lawyers in Canada*.
- Recognized as a 2017 Acritas Star.
- Recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2014) of the *Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate Mid-Market).
- Recognized as a leading corporate lawyer in the 2017, 2016 and 2015 editions of the *Lexpert®/Report on Business Corporate Special Edition*.
- Recognized in the 2018, 2017, 2015 and 2014 editions of the *Lexpert®/Report on Business Special Edition – Canada's Leading Infrastructure Lawyers*.
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada®* (and since 2012) (Corporate Law). Also recognized in the 2019 edition (and since 2013) (Mergers and Acquisitions Law) and in the 2019 edition (and since 2017) (Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law). Also named "Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law Lawyer of the Year – Montréal" in the 2018 edition.
- Recognized in the 2018 edition (and since 2013) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Corporate Mid-Market, Biotechnology, Corporate Commercial Law, Mergers and Acquisitions, Private Equity).
- Recognized in the 2016 edition of the *Lexpert® Guide to the Leading*



US/Canada Cross-Border Corporate Lawyers in Canada (Corporate Finance and Securities).

- Martindale-Hubbell® BV® Distinguished™ 4.4 out of 5 Peer Review Rated.

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