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Expertise

Financial Services

Business and Corporate Commercial

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Education

- University of Ottawa, LL.M., 1993
 - Queen's University, LL.B., 1983
 - York University, B.A. (Honours), 1979
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Bar Admission

- Ontario Bar, 1985

Executive Summary

Lee leads the Financial Services Group at Gardiner Roberts and practices in the areas of financing and business law with a special emphasis on wholly-owned Canadian subsidiaries of multi-national enterprises. His practice also focuses on competition law, commodity taxes and international trade. His varied experience with privately-held businesses, with regulators and government officials, and his ability to resolve tax controversies make him a valued general counsel. Lee has also lobbied the federal and provincial governments for policy and legislative changes and litigated various tax and trade issues. Lee serves as a director of several private corporations.

Lee has also been involved in structuring and implementing financings, domestic and international transactions, establishing and advising on arrangements with key personnel, suppliers, manufacturers and distributors. In addition, he has advised clients on a wide range of business matters and structuring commodity tax aspects of transactions and business arrangements and also provided competition law advice and compliance. Lee has provided government relations assistance to clients to obtain desired applications of government policies and to change government policies and has represented clients before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal and the Tax Court of Canada.

For several years, Lee taught Private International Business Law at the Faculty of Law, Queen's University and has co-authored materials for that course. In addition, Lee has authored materials concerning the roles and responsibilities of directors, officers and shareholders of corporations for the Law Society of Upper Canada. Lee has also taught the law course for the national certification program conducted by the Forum for International Trade Training. In addition to lecturing and presenting papers on directors' duties, Canada's competition laws, the North American Free Trade Agreement, product distribution and international transfer pricing to various professional and business groups, Lee has clearly established he has a lot to offer his clients.

Professional Involvement

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association - Competition Law Section - Criminal Matters Committee