



## Bruce Chapple

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### education and year of call

- Called to the Ontario bar - 1997
- University of Toronto, LLB - 1995
- Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, B.Sc. Econ. Cum Laude – (At the Wharton School, Bruce studied a broad-based business curriculum including international business) - 1991

### practice areas

venture capital  
private equity  
business law  
private m&a  
negotiated transactions  
business formation

### industries

consortia  
investments  
venture capital  
private equity - buyouts & venture  
capital investment  
automotive

### profile

Bruce gets deals done and gives practical business law advice.

He practices business law with an emphasis on corporate/commercial advice, mergers and acquisitions, private equity and complex commercial transactions. This includes advising domestic businesses, subsidiaries of international corporations, acquisitions and divestitures in the Canadian market and advising on Canadian issues associated with international transactions.

Bruce regularly advises public and private corporations, private equity funds, and other clients. He has experience in a variety of industries and leading economic sectors including industrial, pharmaceutical, health care, retail, financial and other service industries, automotive, insurance, film and computer software.

Bruce is very involved in the community. He led the firm's Leadership United Way campaign for many years and is currently Chair of the Board of Governors at Royal St. George's College.

Bruce has held several leadership positions at McMillan LLP. He is currently the firm's Chief Financial Partner and has been the firm's Chief Firm (Engagement) Partner. He sat on the firm's Professional Services Committee for 6 years.

### directorships and professional associations

- Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (CVCA)
- Chair of the Board of Governors of Royal St. George's College

### representative matters

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- **Gentherm** (Nasdaq), a thermal technology company, which develops and manufactures heating, cooling and ventilating devices for global markets - represented Gentherm in its acquisition of Etratech, in a minority investment in Etalim and its acquisition of Global Thermoelectric
- **Apache Industrial Services**, represented Quantum SCL Holdings Limited and Somad Holdings PTY Ltd., in the acquisition of Apache, a Houston based industrial services business, and the roll-in of Skyway Canada Limited
- **Robert Bosch Venture Capital**, represented RBVC in its Series A investments in Flybits (and Trellis Capital as co-investor), Airy3D and Poka
- **Alignvest Capital Management**, represented Alignvest in the structuring and establishment of its fund as well as several platforms and provide regular corporate advice
- **WESCO Distribution Canada LP**, provide regular corporate advice and participated in the representation of WESCO in its acquisition of EECOL Electric Corp.
- **Linde Canada Limited**, provide regular corporate advice
- **Parallax Development Corp.** (formerly, Nico Puff Corporation), represented Nico Puff with Plan of Arrangement
- **Lone Star**, a Canadian based restaurant chain, provide regular corporate advice
- **Picton Mahoney Asset Management**, provide regular commercial and partnership advice
- **Competitive Foods Canada**, represented Competitive Foods in acquiring a minority interest in SIR Corp. (owner of Jack Astor's and Alice Fazooli's)
- **Connell Limited Partnership**, represented Connell in the add-on acquisition of the assets of AWC Manufacturing Inc. as well as its original acquisition of Anchor Lamina
- **Catterton**, represented Catterton Growth Fund on its investment in Cover FX and on its acquisition of Naya Waters and other multiple investments and related portfolio companies since 2001
- **Skyway Canada/PERI**, represented Skyway in acquisition of all the outstanding shares of PERI Scaffolding Services Inc. a subsidiary of PERI GmbH and representation of Skyway in refinancing
- **Titan Outdoor**, an outdoor media company - represented Titan in the acquisition and ultimate sale of its Canadian business
- **Hillcore Financial Corporation (previously, Abacus Private Equity)**, provide regular corporate advice and

represented Abacus in closing multiple transactions since 2005

- **A Place for Mom**, a senior care referral company - assisted in setting up business in Canada and provide regular corporate advice to its Canadian subsidiary
- **Voith**, is a globally active engineering company with its broad portfolio covering plants, products and industrial services, provide regular corporate advice
- **Fresenius Kabi Canada / Calea**, provide regular corporate advice in respect of the Canadian operation of Fresenius Kabi, a German public company in the medical and drug therapy business
- **Olin Chlor Alkali Products**, a leading North American manufacturer of chlorine, caustic CIV soda, industrial bleach, hydrochloric acid, potassium hydroxide, hydrogen and related products - provide regular corporate advice
- **Southwest Capital**, an alternative asset manager and real estate private equity fund focused on the Southwestern United States - provide regular partnership and corporate advice including the establishment of Funds 2, 3, 4 and 6
- **Huron Capital Partners**, acted as Canadian counsel on the acquisitions and divestitures of OE Quality Friction Inc., Labstat International Inc. and Olon Canada Inc. and provided regular corporate advice to its Canadian portfolio companies

## awards and rankings

- Recognized in the 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the area of Corporate Mid-Market
- Recognized in the 2018 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the area of Corporate Mid-Market
- Named in 2017 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as repeatedly recommended in the area of Corporate Mid-Market
- Recognized in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* 2016 as a leading lawyer in the area of Corporate Mid-Market

## community involvement

- Member of United Way Greater Toronto

## publications

### May 2019

Getting the Deal Through (Canada Chapter) – Private Equity 2019 – Fund Formation

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## **March 2017**

And then there were none; Ontario has repealed the Bulk Sales Act

Business Law Bulletin

## **December 2016**

Business Law Advisory Council Releases Fall 2016 Report  
Business Law Bulletin

## **March 2015**

Limited Partnerships: When to Head to Manitoba and When to Stay at Home?

Business Law Bulletin

## **July 2009**

International Asset Transfer - An Overview of the Main Jurisdictions (Canadian Chapter)

## presentations

### **June 2017**

Professionalism

UofT Business Law Society Workshop

### **April 2017**

Acquisitions: Letters of Intent and Confidentiality Agreements  
McMillan LLP - Business Law Associate Training

### **April 2017**

Private M&A

McMillan LLP (Vancouver) - Business Law Associate Training.  
co-presented with Mike Reid

### **March 2017**

Responsive Q and A Panel: We Take on Your Minute Book Questions

Maintaining Minute Books and Solving Minute Book Problems  
The Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ontario

### **2017**

Building Essential Negotiating and Drafting Skills Shareholder Agreements (annually since 2014)

OBA Commercial Agreements Bootcamp

### **2016**

Raising Capital and Planning an Exit Strategy

Panel Breakfast

### **2016**

Fundamentals of Unanimous Shareholder Agreements

McMillan LLP

### **2012**

Doing Private Equity Deals in 2012 – Identifying and Resolving Top Legal Issues



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NYBA/OBA Legal Summit

**2011**

Acting for Start-Up Business

Speaker at presentation on unanimous shareholder agreements,  
CBA Skilled Lawyers Series

**October 2007**

At the Heart of Contract Law

Presentation on indemnification issues, OBA Institute