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education and year of call

- Called to the Quebec bar - 1993
- University of Ottawa, MBA - 1992
- Université de Montréal, LLB - 1990

practice areas

private equity
acquisitions and divestitures
negotiated transactions
technology
corporate finance
venture capital
licensing
corporate governance

industries

information technology
investments
private equity - buyouts & venture
capital investment
private equity funds
telecommunications
venture capital
food, beverage and agribusiness

profile

Charles Chevette is the Office Management Partner of McMillan's Montreal office and practices business law. Mr. Chevette is a Québec market leader in private equity, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, as well as in sophisticated cross-border transactions.

Mr. Chevette is particularly active in technology-related investments and M&As (including IT and telecom) and in the financial services sector.

Over the years, Mr. Chevette has been involved in the creation of numerous funds and investment companies both in Canada and elsewhere. He regularly acts on behalf of major institutional investors and assists them in connection with large and medium equity investments, joint ventures and mergers and acquisitions (including LBOs and MBOs).

Charles has also been involved in a very large number of major technology financings and buy-out transactions, acting for private equity venture capital funds, universities and growth companies.

Mr. Chevette acts as strategic corporate counsel for many Québec-based companies, and as Canadian counsel for a number of multinationals and international investors doing business in Canada.

Mr. Chevette is the co-author of a book entitled, *Québec Business Corporation Act: Commentary and Analysis*, which is published in both the French and English languages and provides for a comparative analysis between Québec corporate law and the corporate law across of Canadian jurisdiction. Mr.

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Chevette is also the author of many articles on various business law topics, and regularly gives conferences about corporate law, private equity and M&A.

Before joining McMillan, Mr. Chevette co-founded his own private equity investment firm, and served, at various times, as Assistant Chief of Staff and Political Advisor to each of the Premier of Québec and the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons (Ottawa).

Not only is Mr. Chevette a market leader in private equity, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, but he is also very knowledgeable about the business climate in the Province of Québec and has first-hand experience with the various institutional players and their requirements. His public policy expertise is sought by many in connection with business and financial operations involving governmental entities and provides for value-added when navigating complex business transactions involving Québec financial institutions.

Charles is also a member of [McMillan Vantage LP](#)

directorships and professional associations

- Bar of the Province of Québec (*Barreau du Québec*)
- *Réseau Capital* (Quebec's Venture Capital Association)
- Canada's Venture Capital & Private Equity Association (CVCA)
- International Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Quebec MBA Association

representative matters

Recent key mandates and transactions lead by Mr. Chevette include:

- Lead counsel to the sellers, including Novacap, in the sale of Fibrenoire to Videotron, a \$125M transaction
- Lead counsel to Novacap in its acquisition of Intelrad Medical Systems.
- Lead counsel to Desjardins Venture Capital and to Investissements Québec in connection with the sale of Group OSI to Groupe Alithya and further investments in Groupe Alithya
- Lead counsel to Corporation financière BDG in connection with its acquisition of Cendrex
- Lead counsel Novacap in the context of the initial public offering of Stringray Digital in the amount of \$140 million

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- Lead counsel to Tennenbaum Capital Partners in its acquisition, together with a consortium of investors including Globalive Capital, West Face and LG Capital of the interest of VimpelCom Ltd. in WIND Mobile
- Corporate counsel to Fortress Investment Group in connection with the acquisition of the assets of the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway and ancillary negotiations with the Government of Québec and the City of Lac-Mégantic
- Lead counsel to Novacap in its acquisition of Calgary-based Onstream Pipeline Inspection Services
- Lead counsel to Public Mobile in connection with the sale of the company to TELUS Communications
- Lead counsel to the sellers, including Novacap and Desjardins Venture Capital, in connection with the sale of Creaform to Ametek, a \$125M transaction
- Lead counsel to a Canadian pension fund co-investing with world-class co-investors in a Bermuda-based company specialized in the acquisition and management of insurance and re-insurance companies
- Lead counsel to Novacap in connection with its acquisition of Florida-based Broadband One LLC (Host.net)
- Lead counsel to Public Mobile in connection with the recapitalization of the company by Thomvest Seed Capital and other investors
- Lead counsel to companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the TSX Venture Exchange in connection with various private placements and placements by way of prospectus
- Lead counsel to a syndicate of institutional investors domestic and non-domestic that successfully participated in the Advanced Wireless Spectrum Auction conducted by Industry Canada
- Canadian counsel to a major U.S. private equity fund participating in a US\$1 billion bid for a Canadian aerospace service company

awards and rankings

- Recognized by *IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2020* as a Notable Practitioner in Private Equity
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada (2020)* as a leading lawyer in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- Recognized in the *2019 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the areas of Corporate Commercial Law and Private Equity and a Consistently Recommended lawyer in the area of Corporate

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Mid Market

- Recognized in the *Lexpert Report on Business on Corporate 2019 – Special Edition*, as one of Canada's Leading Corporate Lawyers
- Recognized by *IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2019* as a Notable Practitioner in Private Equity
- Recognized in *Chambers Canada 2019* as a Practitioner of Corporate/Commercial Law in Quebec
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada 2019* as a leading lawyer in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- Recognized in the 2018 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a Repeatedly Recommended lawyer in the areas of Corporate Mid-Market, Corporate Commercial Law, and Private Equity
- Recognized in the *Lexpert Report on Business 2018 - Special Edition*, as one of Canada's leading corporate lawyers
- Recognized in the *Chambers Canada 2018* as a Practitioner of Corporate/Commercial Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada 2018* as a leading lawyer in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- Repeatedly recommended in 2017 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* in the areas of Corporate Commercial Law and Private Equity
- Recognized in the 2016 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* as a leading lawyer in the area of Private Equity
- 2015 - Club of the Dean of the University of Montréal

publications

June 2017

Change is in the Airwaves: CRTC Expands the Wireless Code of Conduct
Telecommunications and Technology Bulletin

November 2016

Liability of the directors of a Quebec Corporation – Supplemental sources of civil and criminal liability
Éditions Yvon Blais, ISBN: 978-2-89730-235-1

presentations

November 2015

Recent development in Corporate Law
Colloque et formation – Éditions Yvon Blais

October 2015

« Le cycle de vie d'une PME : enjeux juridiques quant aux sources de financement à chaque étape de sa croissance »



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Convention « Croissance PME – L'audace entrepreneuriale »
organized by *Les Affaires* newspaper

January 2014
IP & Corporate Presentation
McGill Dobson Cup Bootcamp